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FOREWORD

Of the so-called "Rainbow Series" at the Hall of Records, the "Black Books," the "Blue Books," and the "Brown Books," have already appeared in this series of calendars of Maryland State papers. A description and history of the series is given in the *Calendar of the Black Books*. The present volume is concerned with roughly one-third of the materials contained in the "Red Books," the last and by far the largest and most important of the group. Two more volumes of approximately the same size will be required to calendar the entire collection—they should appear within the next few years.

Work on this volume has been in progress for the last eighteen months. Abstracts for the 1,444 documents included were prepared by three members of the Hall of Records staff: Gust Skordas, Assistant Archivist, Roger Thomas, Assistant Archivist, and Beryl Gardner, Record Cataloguer and Indexer. Mr. Skordas prepared the documents from Vol. II, Vol. III (1-21), Vols. VI-VIII, and Vol. IX (1-99); Mr. Thomas, Vol. I, Vol. III (22-45), Vol. IV, and Vol. IX (100-326); Miss Gardner, Vol. V. Final copy was typed by Peggy Benning and Flora Jones. The three collaborators and Cary Peebles were responsible for reading the proof, and the Index was prepared by Mrs. Peebles with the assistance of Miss Benning.

In addition to the calendars of State papers, which form together a subseries, the publications of the Hall of Records Commission include a catalogue, an index, and a list of records of two ancient Maryland offices. These publications and those which we expect to issue in the future are designed to make available to scholars the rich collections of historical records which have been preserved by the governmental agencies of the State and the counties of Maryland. It is the hope of the staff of the Hall of Records that these "finding mediums" will serve this purpose. Nothing else could justify the long hours of exacting work and the high printing costs that such a volume as this *Calendar of the Red Books* demands.

Annapolis
November 1, 1950

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Archivist

INTRODUCTION

The old manuscript inventory made under the auspices of the Maryland Historical Society and the one-line summations prepared for insurance purposes in 1938 by the late Dr. James A. Robertson, first Archivist of Maryland, both covered the contents of the "Red Books," but so briefly as to render only a little aid to researchers in the "Rainbow Series." This volume aims to supersede them.

As in the "Black Books" calendar,[1] effort was made to indicate material already in print. Such information is given only when the documents in this calendar were printed in any of the following works:

Archives of Maryland, (Baltimore, 1883-).
Journals of the Continental Congress, edited by John C. Fitzpatrick, 34 volumes, (Washington, 1904-1937).
Letters of Members of the Continental Congress, edited by Edmund C. Burnett, 7 volumes, (Washington, 1921-1934).
Proceedings of the Conventions of the Province of Maryland Held at the City of Annapolis in 1774, 1775, and 1776, (Baltimore, 1836).

For each of the 1,444 items here calendared, a date is assigned (printed in left margin in bold-face type); where the item did not bear a date, one has been supplied in brackets, *viz.*, [1777, Aug. 2]. All matter in brackets is supplied by the editors. Some of it is conjectural, and since scholarly materials available in Annapolis were limited, it may well be that mistakes can be detected.

The volumes of the "Red Books" calendared here comprise the first ten of the series of thirty-three volumes which are bound as fifty.[2]

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[1] Published as *Calendar of Maryland State Papers No. 1 The Black Books*, (Hall of Records Commission Publication No. 1, Annapolis, 1943).

[2] The ten volumes abstracted in this calendar are bound as fifteen; the sequence is given here with the titles:

I. Papers in the Case of the Designed Arrest of Governor Eden in 1776 and as to his Property and Voyage to England.
II. (*in two parts*): Original Minutes, Maryland Convention of July 1775 and Drafts of Resolutions, etc.
III. Minutes, of Committee of Safety and Legislative Council. 1776-1777; Correspondence of Maryland Delegates in Congress, 1777; William Goddard's Case; Newspaper Publications of Offensive Character, 1779.
IV. (*in two parts*): Correspondence of Maryland Delegates in Congress, 1776-1778; Letters and Instructions from Council of Safety of Delegates in Congress, 1776-1777.
V. Correspondence of Maryland Delegates in Congress, 1778, 1781.
VI. Congress to Council of Safety and Convention of Maryland, 1775-1780.
VII. (*in two parts*): Congress and War Office to Governor of Maryland, 1778-1780.
VIII. Congress and War Office to the Governor of Maryland, 1779-1781.
IX. (*in three parts*): Congress and the War Office to the Governor of Maryland, 1777-1803.

With almost no exception, the documents, representing a spread of years from 1773 to 1827, are military in character. Muster and sick-rolls occasionally appear (as examples, see Nos. 450, 678-9, 759, 800, 921); Revolutionary generals are well represented (as examples, see Nos. 149, 458, 546, 601, 867, 904, 1052). Communications of foreign officers are not numerous, but supplement the material in Volume VII of the "Brown Books,"[3] to form probably the best source on this subject.

Early in the calendar will be noticed numerous items relating to the Convention of Maryland which began in April 1775 (as examples, see Nos. 3, 12-18, 33-36, 63-69, 265-275). The Continental Congress (as examples, see Nos. 98, 113, 147, 286, 340, 375, 403, 432, 493, 562, 671, 687) is well represented, and letters to the Council of Safety of Maryland and the Governors from Congressional delegates are frequent (as examples, see Nos. 87, 153, 168, 869, 883, 910, 1011).

Since the calendar covers only one-third of the "Red Books" papers, searchers should not feel that every available Revolutionary item in the collection for any date within the period appears here. For example, "Red Books," Vol. XV, No. 14, is a communication dated November 29, 1775, which properly should be listed between Nos. 47 and 48 of this calendar, but cannot be abstracted until Part Two is printed.

Following the practice of the "Brown Books" calendar, the methods are those laid down in the article, "A Practical Guide to Calendaring," written by Dr. Morris L. Radoff.[4] The bold-face number in the right-hand margin is the calendar number; below it appears the volume and item number from the "Red Books." In the original volumes, item numbers may appear confusing because of the frequent re-numbering which took place before this series of papers came into the custody of the Hall of Records. The editors have renumbered or else used the last number assigned to the item.

Some other deviations from standard practices in calendaring are here listed; in both the abstracts and index, no states were given for the following places—Annapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia, London, Paris, and Valley Forge. No first names were given (except in head-

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X. Intercourse with Virginia and Other Colonies, 1775-1776; Correspondence of Maryland Delegates in Congress, 1782, 1786, 1778.

Portfolio.

[3] The "Brown Books" were abstracted in *Calendar of Maryland State Papers No. 3 The Brown Books,* (Hall of Records Commission Publication No. 6, Annapolis, 1948).

[4] *The American Archivist,* Vol. XI, pp. 123-40, 203-22.

ings) for George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Whenever the Convention of Maryland, the Council of Safety, the General Assembly, or a Governor of Maryland appears in the address or heading, it is to be understood that the place of origin is Annapolis, unless otherwise specified. The title *President* has not been used with the names of John Hancock, Samuel Huntington, or any other President of the Continental Congress, nor is it always indicated that Charles Thomson was Secretary of Congress. Old spellings have not been wholly eliminated nor are the abstracts completely free of eighteenth-century phraseology.

The two-part index is intended to facilitate reference. The name index gives reference to calendar numbers rather than to pages. Different men of the same name have not always been distinguished. The few other changes, necessary to shorten the index, are indicated at the beginning of the listings (see page 253). In both abstracts and index, first names have sometimes had to be omitted or denoted by a dash, simply because the editors did not know them. The following works, and the four books listed above as containing some of the material abstracted here, have often supplied missing names of persons and places: [5]

Francis B. Heitman, *Historical Register of the Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution,* (Revised Edition, Washington, 1914).
John C. Fitzpatrick, *Calendar of the Correspondence of George Washington . . . with the Officers,* Vol. IV, *Index,* (Washington, 1915).
John C. Fitzpatrick, *The Writings of George Washington . . . 1745-1799,* Vol. 38, (Washington, 1944).
Col. William H. Powell, *List of Officers of the Army of the United States from 1779 to 1900,* (New York, 1900).

The "Finding List" is for those who, with only a "Red Books" reference, wish to locate the abstract in this calendar. The eleven items listed as "missing" are not all lost; at least eight of them result from the procedures of the original arranger of the collection who occasionally skipped a number.

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[5] Volumes XI, XII, XVI, XVIII, XXI, XLIII, XLV, XLVII, XLVIII, and LXIII of the *Archives of Maryland* have been particularly useful to the editors of this calendar. Vol. LXIV, though dated 1947, was not issued in time to be of use in checking dates or documents.

TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS

A.	Autograph
Arch. of Md.	*Archives of Maryland* (see *Introduction*)
C.	Copy
D.	Document
Df.	Draft
Jour. Cont. Cong.	*Journals of the Continental Congress* (see *Introduction*)
L.	Letter
Letters Cont. Cong.	*Letters of Members of the Continental Congress* (see *Introduction*)
Port.	Portfolio volume of the "Red Books"
Proc. Convention	*Proceedings of the Convention...in 1774 1775, and 1776* (see *Introduction*)
S.	Signed

CALENDAR OF THE RED BOOKS

1773 Eden, Gov. Robert. To the Lower House. **1**

Oct. 15 Message, thanking House for address, asks for a "proper attention" to matter under consideration; desires no interruption of "those important matters, more immediately affecting the Welfare of the Province." I, 1

D.S. 1 p.

1775 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., "Frederick Town," [Maryland]. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, [Annapolis(?)]. **2**

Feb. 2 IV, 1

On February 1 received letter about meeting of January 29; indisposition of family, poor roads, and probable tardiness made trip impossible; [Joshua(?)] Clapham of Virginia has made purchase of rifles; soon Maryland may have "soldiers without arms"; £100 will buy only 20 rifles; [Daniel(?)] Hughes is sanguine about cannon.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1775 Convention of Maryland. **3**

Apr. 24-May 3 "Short Notes of the Proceedings of April Convention 1775": members attending: St. Mary's County: John Reeder, Jr., Richard Barnes, John Allen Thomas; Charles County: Capt. Francis Ware, Josias Hawkins, John Dent, Thomas Stone, Daniel Jenifer, Robert T[ownsend] Hooe; Prince George's County: Robert Tyler, Thomas Contee, John Rogers, Joshua Beall, Osborn Sprigg, David Craufurd, Thomas Sim Lee, Benjamin Hall of Francis, Stephen West, Walter Bowie, Thomas Gantt, Jr.; Frederick County: Charles Beatty, Henry Griffith, Richard Brooke, William Deakins, Jr., Dr. Philip Thomas, Baker Johnson, Thomas Cramphin, Jr., Jacob Funk; Anne Arundel County: B[rice] T[homas] B[eall] Worthington, John Hall, Thomas Johnson, Jr., Samuel Chase, Matthias Hammond, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Rezin Hammond; Baltimore County: Thomas Cockey Deye, Jeremiah T[ownley] Chase, William Lux, Samuel Purviance, Charles Ridgely of John, Robert Alexander, Benjamin Nicholson, Darby Lux, Thomas Harrison, Walter Tolley, Jr., Charles Ridgely; Harford County: Benjamin Rumsey, Francis Holland, Robert Lemmon, Benedict Edward Hall; Kent County: Col. Richard Lloyd, Thomas Smyth, William Ringgold, Joseph Nicholson, Jr., Joseph Earle, Thomas B[edingfield] Hands, Thomas Ringgold; Queen Anne's County: James Hollyday, Thomas Wright, Richard T[ilghman] Earle, Turbutt Wright, Solomon Wright, James Tilghman; Talbot County: Matthew Tilghman, James Lloyd Chamberlaine, Nicholas Thomas, Edward Lloyd, Francis Baker, Peregrine Tilghman, William Hindman; Caroline County: Thomas Goldsborough, Joshua Clarke, Henry Dickinson, Nathaniel Potter; Cecil County: Nathaniel Ramsey, John Veazey, 3rd, William Ward, John Dockery Thomson; Dorchester County: Robert Goldsborough, Col. Henry Hooper, William Ennalls, James Murray, Joseph Richardson, Matthew Browne, John Ennalls, Thomas Ennalls, John Dickinson; Somerset County: Peter Waters, Henry Jackson, George Dashiell, Gustavus Scott; Calvert County: John Weems, Benjamin Mackall, Edward Reynolds, William Lyles. II, 80

Matthew Tilghman, chairman; Gabriel Duvall, clerk; resolutions adopted to keep door shut while in session, to allot 80 stand of arms for Annapolis, to allot two-thirds of the remaining arms to the Western Shore and one-third to the Eastern Shore, to insert the names of the members absent on May 1 in the *Maryland Gazette;* committee appointed "to revise the proceedings for the press."

D. 6 pp. Misnumbered "79" on first sheet.

1775
May 16

Committee of Cecil County, Elk Ferry, [Maryland].

Report of election held at the house of Thomas Savin to choose Deputies to attend the Provincial Convention to be held at Annapolis on May 22 unless another day be appointed by the Delegates of the Province; John Veazey, Jr., Joseph Gilpin, William Ward, Stephen Hyland, William Rumsey, Nathaniel Rumsey, John Dockrey Thomson, Charles Rumsey, John Cox, Patrick Ewing, Peter Lawson and William Currer were elected.

"Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Cecil County."

D. Signed by John Veazey, 3d., Acting Clerk. 1 p.

4
II, 29

1775
June 30

Resolution—Pennsylvania Assembly.

A 16—part resolution respecting defense; should colonies be invaded or Delaware river be used "in an hostile Manner," men will enter in service; pay of soldiers will not exceed that of Continental army; counties shall take steps; firearms are to be of one size; saltpeter is to be collected at rate of £20 per hundredweight; Committee of Safety is to consist of: George Gray, Henry Wynkoop, Anthony Wayne, Benjamin Bartholomew, George Ross, Michael Swoope, John Montgomery, Edward Biddle, William Edmonds, Bernard Dougherty, Samuel Hunter, William Thomson, Thomas Willing, Benjamin Franklin, Daniel Roberdeau, John Cadwalader, Andrew Allen, Owen Biddle, Francis Johnston, Robert Morris, Richard Reily, Samuel Morris, Jr., Thomas Wharton, Jr., and Robert White; £35,000 in bills of credit are to be printed; Commission of Assessors should tax estates, real and personal.

"Extract from the Journals."

D. Signed: "Chas Mooze Clk of Assembly." 5 pp.

5
X, 17-1, 2, 3

1775
July 5

Dartmouth, [William Legge, Lord], Whitehall, [London]. To [Gov. Robert Eden].

Letter of May 5, transmitted through William Eden; notes "Temper and Disposition" of Maryland members of Continental Congress with satisfaction; "the most vigorous Efforts . . . by Sea & Land" will be made to end rebellion; General [Thomas] Gage and Admiral [George] Graves will both have forces enlarged; fleet will appear at New York, Delaware Bay, Chesapeake Bay, coast of Carolina; no intercoastal trade will be permitted in Southern colonies; any one who seeks asylum on ships near rebellious territory may be received; Gen. Gage's operations will be at "his own Judgment and the opinion of the Generals with him"; the King consents to Eden's trip to England but only "when the State of Affairs in your Government will admit of it."

"Copy per G[abriel] Duvall Clerk."

L. Signed: "Dartmouth." 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 341-343.

6
I, 14c

1775
July 22

Committee of Observation, St. Mary's County, [Maryland].

Certificate of election held at the Court House in Leonard Town on May 12 to choose Deputies to represent St. Mary's County in the Convention of Maryland; John Reeder, Jr., Richard Barnes, John Allen Thomas and Jeremiah Jordan elected.

D. Signed by Timothy Bowes, Clerk. 1 p.

7
II, 18

1775
July 24

Resolution—Virginia Convention.

Flour, wheat, and grain are prohibited from export "to any part of the World"; such prohibition commences August 5, 1775; contracts for sales made up to September 10th are null and void.

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **19.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 40-41.

8
X, 2-2

1775
July 24

Resolution—Virginia Convention.

Text same as **8.**

"Vera Copia."

D. Signed: "Peyton Randolph Pres." 1 p. Enclosed in **19.**

9
X, 3

[Before
1775
July 26]

10
II, 10

[Committee of Observation(?)], Prince George's County, [Maryland].

Certificate of the election of Dr. Richard Brooke, Josias Beall, Robert Tyler, John Rogers, William Bowie, Walter Bowie, George Lee, Thomas Gantt, Jr., Col. Joshua Beall, Osborn Sprigg, David Craufurd, Col. Joseph Sim, Thomas Contee, Benjamin Hall of Francis, Luke Marbury, Stephen West, John Contee, Thomas Sim Lee or any five of them to represent Prince George's County in the Convention of Maryland.

D. Signed by Hugh Lyon, Clerk. 1 p.

[Before
1775
July 26]

11
II, 30

"Delegates appointed for Balt. County," [Maryland].

List of delegates appointed to represent Baltimore County in the Provincial Convention: Thomas Cockey Deye, Charles Ridgely, Walter Tolley, Jr., Charles Ridgely of John, Charles Ridgely of William, John Moale, William Buchanan, Benjamin Nicholson, John Cradock, Jeremiah Townley Chase, Thomas Harrison, Darby Lux, Walter Tolley, Robert Alexander, James Giddings; any five of them to act.

D. 1 p.

1775
July [26]

12
II, 1

Convention of Maryland.

List of members: includes all the members listed in **17** and also Solomon Wright of Queen Anne's.

D. 2 pp.

1775
July 26

13
II, 7

Convention of Maryland.

List of members: includes all the members listed in **17** and also Solomon Wright of Queen Anne's; Matthew Tilghman chosen Chairman and Gabriel Duvall appointed Clerk.

D. 3 pp.

[1775
July 26]

14
III, 16

[Convention of Maryland.]

The attempt to reduce Massachusetts Bay by armed force, burning of Charles Town and General [Thomas] Gage's proclamation declaring the colonists to be "Rebels and Traitors" leave no doubt that the British Ministry will use all means of raising revenue from the Colonies without their consent and of establishing the unlimited power of Parliament over them; Congress has approved the conduct of Massachusetts Bay in repelling the aggressors and has raised a Continental Army to oppose them; therefore being persuaded it is justifiable to repel force by force, the inhabitants of Maryland approve opposition to the British troops and associate themselves to support the present opposition until reconciliation with Great Britain on constitutional basis is effected; they likewise associate in maintenance of good order and support of civil powers in execution of laws.

Df.D. 4 pp. Several words interlined.

Printed in part in *Convention Proc.,* 19-20.

[**1775**
July 26]

15
III, 14

[Convention of Maryland.]

Contents same as **14,** but considerable variation in wording; this may be a preliminary draft.

Df.D. 4 pp. Numerous deletions.

[**1775**
July 26]

16
III, 15

[Convention of Maryland.]

Contents same as **14.**

Df.D. 2 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

1775
July 26-
Aug. 14

17
II, 2

Convention of Maryland.

"Short Notes" of the proceedings: members present listed by counties: St. Mary's: John Reeder, Jr., Richard Barnes, Jeremiah Jordan, John Allen Thomas; Charles: Daniel Jenifer, Robert Townsend Hooe, William Harrison, John H[oskins] Stone, Samuel Hanson, Jr., William Smallwood, Thomas Stone, John Dent, Philip Richard Fendall; Calvert: Edward Gantt, Samuel Chew, Edward Reynolds, Benjamin Mackall, 4th, Alexander Somerville; Prince George's; Osborn Sprigg, Benjamin Hall, Thomas Gantt, Jr., George Lee, Thomas Contee, Robert Tyler, Col. Joshua Beall, John Contee, William Bowie, Walter Bowie, Dr. Richard Brooke, David Craufurd, Josias Beall, Stephen West, Thomas Sim Lee, John Rogers, Maj. Joseph Sim; Anne Arundel: Samuel Chase, Thomas Johnson, John Hall, Dr. Ephraim Howard, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Dorsey, Thomas Tillard, John Dorsey, William Paca, Rezin Hammond, B[rice T[homas] B[eale] Worthington, Matthias Hammond; Baltimore: Charles Ridgely of John, Benjamin Nicholson, William Buchanan, Jeremiah T[ownley] Chase, John Cradock, Thomas Harrison, Darby Lux, Robert Alexander, Charles Ridgely of William, John Moale, Walter Tolley, Jr., James Gittings; Frederick: Henry Griffith, Charles Beatty, Baker Johnson, Richard Brooke, Jacob Funk, John Hanson, Jr., Col. Samuel Beall, William Deakins, Jr., Dr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Thomas Cramphin, Jr., Upton Sheredine, Joseph Chaplain; Harford: Richard Dallam, Samuel Durham, Thomas Bond, Samuel Ashmead, Benedict Edward Hall, John Beale Howard, Francis Holland, Benjamin Rumsey, Ignatius Wheeler, Jr., William Webb, James Maccomas; Cecil: John Veazey, Jr., Joseph Gilpin, John Dockery Thomson, John Cox, Peter Lawson, Nathaniel Ramsey, William Rumsey, William Currier, Charles Rumsey; Kent: Col. Richard Lloyd, Thomas Smyth, William Ringgold, Joseph Earle, Thomas B. Hands, Thomas Ringgold, Joseph Nicholson, Jr., Queen Anne's: Thomas Wright, James Tilghman, Turbutt Wright. Dr. John Wallace, James Hollyday, John Brown, Richard Tilghman Earle; Talbot: Matthew Tilghman, Nicholas Thomas, Col. Edward Lloyd, James L. Chamberlaine, William Hindman, Peregrine Tilghman, James Benson, Richard Tilghman, Francis Baker; Dorchester: Robert Goldsborough, James Murray, Col. Henry Hooper, Capt. Thomas Ennalls, Robert Harrison; Caroline: Richard Mason, Joshua Clarke, Peter Adams, Nathaniel Potter, William Molleston, Benson Stainton, William Richardson, Henry Dickinson, John Stevens, William Hopper; Somerset: William Waters, Josiah Polk, Gustavus Scott, John Waters, George Dashiell, John Steward; Worcester: Samuel Handy, Peter Chaillie, Zadock Purnell, William Morris, Matthew Tilghman chosen Chairman and Gabriel Duvall appointed Clerk; petitions of John Baillie, Alexander Ogg, Richard Henderson, James Christie, Jr., Archibald Campbell and William Lilburn presented; committee appointed to inquire into the practicability of manufacturing arms in Maryland; copy of the proceedings of the Committee of Caroline County for Aug. 2, 1775 read; resolved that the £500 to be deposited by James Christie be paid to Mr. Thomas; letter of Virginia Convention with resolve enclosed read and committee appointed to explain why the resolution can not be acceded to; James Christie Jr. ordered to answer complaint against him; Committee named to purchase arms with surplus monies; ordered that the Rules of Congress be published with proceedings of the Convention; ordered that gentlemen appointed to receive monies for purchase of arms return a list thereof to the Treasurers and that they pay money advanced accordingly.

D. Signed by G[abriel] Duvall, Clerk. 11 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 3-15.

[1775 [Convention of Maryland.] **18**
July 27] Tally of votes for members of Committee "to put the Province in a State II, 28
of Defence" as follows: M[atthew] Tilghman, 16; T[homas] Johnson, 16; S[amuel] Chase, 16; R[obert] Goldsborough, 16; T[homas] Stone, 16; W[illiam] Paca, 16; C[harles] C[arroll] of C[arrollton], 11; B[aker] Johnson, 1; C[harles] C[arroll], Bar[rister], 13; J[ames] H[ollida]y, 11; J[ohn] Hall, 5; J[ames] Tilghman, 3; T[homas] Smyth, 1; Richard Brooke, 1; E[dward] Lloyd, 2.

D. 1 p.

Endorsed "Ballot paper No. 1."

1775 July 27 — **19** X,2

Randolph, Peyton, Richmond, Virginia. To Committee of Safety of Maryland.

After August 6th Virginia wishes to stop all exportation; Resolution of Convention of Delegates on this subject is enclosed.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **8, 9.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 40.

1775 July 31 — **20** II,31

Thomas, Philip and George Scott, Frederick Town, [Maryland]. To Convention of Maryland.

[Arthur] St. Clair, a British officer, "well acquainted in America, particularly in Canada" has returned; it is believed that "he is sent to Stir up the Indians against us"; his route will be through Annapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York to Canada; Maj. Skeans is one of five officers appointed to help St. Clair; this foe to America should be apprehended; postscript adds St. Clair travels with his nephew.

A.L.S. Also signed by George Scott. 2 pp.

1775 Aug. 1 — **21** II,8

[Tilghman, Matthew], Annapolis. To Convention of Virginia, [Williamsburg, Virginia].

Resolution of Virginia Convention prohibiting the export of flour, wheat or other grain after August 5 has been received; Congress has fully considered the matter and set the date at September 10; immediate stoppage of export would be ineffective without similar action by Congress and the Convention of New York which are about to adjourn and the assembly of Pennsylvania which has already adjourned, therefore Maryland has resolved not to prohibit exports before September 10.

Df.L. Signed: "President of the Convention." 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 8.

[1775 Aug. 2] — **22** II, 24

[Convention of Maryland.]

Tally of votes for members of committee "to shut up Courts of Justice"; votes cast for J[ohn] Hall, J[ames] Til[ghman], N[icholas] Thomas, J[oseph] Earle, J[ohn] Rogers, T[homas Bedingfield] Hands, J[ohn] Hanson, T[homas] Smyth, T[homas] J[ohnson], J[ames] H[ollyda]y, S[amuel] C[hase], J[eremiah] T[ownley] C[hase], T[homas] S[tone], W[alter] Tolley, W[illiam] Bu[chanan(?)], M[atthias] H[ammond], [Joshua] Beale, J[ohn] A[llen] T[homas], W[illiam] Hindman, J[ames] L[loyd] C[hamberlaine], T[homas] Ring[gold], J[osiah] Polk, J[oseph] Nic[holson], S[olomon] Wright, D[aniel] Jen[ifer], R[obert] G[oldsborough], W[illiam] P[aca], C[harles] C[arroll], Bar[rister], C[harles] C[arroll] of C[arrollton], B[aker] J[ohnson], B[enjamin] M[ackall], B[rice] T[homas] B[eale] [Worthington].

D. 1 p.

Endorsed: "Ballot paper No. 2."

1775 Aug. 9 — **23** II, 12

Petition of Baltimore Rangers, Annapolis. To Convention of Maryland.

Have formed a company of 82 men and have chosen William Galbraith as captain; request that the company be accepted and its officers commissioned.

D. Signed by William Galbraith, Joseph Guthrow, John Deaver, David Garrison, Michael Moloany, William Delleney, James Heyman, Samuel Gosnell, Henry Conrod, William Culbertson, Robert Britt, William Rees, Edward Delleney, Swishorn[?] Kloss, William Mecoy, Thomas Moffet, William Hunt, Moses Rutter, John Dunne, John Jones, William Currey, Henry Solomon, James Smith, Martain Haynes. 1 p.

1775 Aug. 10 — **24** II,9

[Tilghman, Matthew], Annapolis. To Virginia Convention, [Williamsburg, Virginia].

Upon receiving the letter of July 27 enclosing the Virginia Resolution of July 24, the Convention of Maryland resolved not to stop its exports before

September 10; after considering the letter of August 4, the Convention is still of that opinion.

Df.L. 1 p.

1775 Convention of Maryland. **25**

[Aug. 14] Resolutions adopted prescribing the "Association" to be signed by "freemen" of the province; providing for the enrollment of minute-men and militia; establishing the council of safety; providing for the printing of bills of credit under the supervision of Thomas Hyde and William Wilkins and naming Charles Wallace, John Davidson, Nathan Hammond, Richard Tootell, James Brice, John Brice, Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, John Duckett, Robert Lloyd Nicols, Samuel Sharpe, Richard Tilghman, Jr., James Hindman, Peregrine Tilghman, William Perry, Jeremiah Banning and Joseph Bruff as signers of the bills; appointing Thomas Harwood, Jr., Treasurer for the Western Shore and William Hindman, Treasurer for the Eastern Shore; providing for the election of committees of observation for each county; encouraging erection of saltpeter works and powder mill; requiring committees of observation to appoint persons to receive contributions of money and account for same; requiring committees of observation to account for all arms purchased in their county; naming Matthew Tilghman, John Beale Bordley, Robert Goldsborough, James Hollyday, Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd, Thomas Smyth and Henry Hooper of the Eastern Shore and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Thomas Johnson, Jr., William Paca, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, Robert Alexander and Charles Carroll of Carrollton of the Western Shore as members of the Council of Safety; approving conduct of Captains [William] Buchanan and [Mordecai] Gist and their companies in suppressing riot in Baltimore; ordering colonels Joshua Beall, Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd and Henry Hooper to deliver arms to such captains of minute-men as the Council of Safety shall direct; naming Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, Jr., Robert Goldsborough, William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone and John Hall to be deputies to the Continental Congress; setting third Tuesday of March 1776 as date of next meeting of Convention; ordering that Gabriel Duvall and Robert Reynolds be paid for services rendered. II, 3, 4, 6

D. Signed by G[abriel] Duvall 52 pp.

Names: Gen. [Thomas] Gage, George Hanson.

Note. These resolutions are recorded on numbered sheets which have been mounted in incorrect order as follows: item 6, sheet nos. 1-14 (47 pp.), item 4, sheet nos. 15-17 (4 pp.), item 3, sheet no. 18 (1 p).

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 9-10, 15-31, 33-35 and in *Convention Proc.*, 19-33, 35-36.

[1775 [Convention of Maryland.] **26**

Aug. 14] Resolution providing for the establishment of militia companies; companies are to be officered as recommended in former resolutions of the Convention and have from 50 to 74 privates; committee of observation in each county is to prepare a list of every able-bodied freeman who does not enroll; they are also to organize the militia into battalions and the field officers are to be appointed by the Convention; companies are to be exercised weekly and battalions monthly or bi-monthly; officers failing to appear at a muster without an excuse are to be fined. III, 13

Df.D. 3 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 19-21 and in *Convention Proc.*, 21-24.

[1775 [Convention of Maryland.] **27**

Aug. 14] Resolution, adopted to provide an executive power to superintend the execution of the orders and resolutions of the Convention and to promote the preparations for defence and call forth the military force of the Province if necessary, directing that nine persons on the Western Shore and six on the Eastern Shore be chosen by ballot of the Convention to be a Council of Safety; III, 6

Council authorized to regulate the operations of the minute men and militia, grant military commissions and regulate the rank of officers and in the recess of the Convention to do all other things necessary for defending the Province; in cases where delay would be dangerous and in matters of less importance, a majority of the members residing on either shore may act for the full body; any two or more members may call a meeting of the Council; the Council also empowered to draw orders on the treasurers and in case of necessity to call together the Convention; the Council must render an account of its proceedings to the Convention and be subject to its control.

Df.D. 4 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 22-24 and in *Convention Proc.,* 24-26 except that the number of members of the Council is changed to eight from each shore.

[1775 [Convention of Maryland.] **28**
Aug. 14] List of signers of bills of credit: Charles Wallace, John Davidson, Nathan Hammond, Dr. Richard Tootell, James Brice, John Brice, Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, John Duckett, Robert Lloyd Nicols, Samuel Sharpe, Richard Tilghman, Jr., James Hindman, Peregrine Tilghman, William Perry, Jeremiah Banning, Joseph Bruff. II, 17

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 25-26 and in *Convention Proc.,* 27.

[1775 [Convention of Maryland.] **29**
Aug. 14] Resolution providing for the election in each county of a committee of observation composed of from 14 to 53 members to replace the present committees; the committees elected are authorized to execute the association and resolves of Congress and the Convention in regard to commercial opposition to the British and to censure any breach thereof and also to apprehend persons suspected of treason; provision is also made for the election of five delegates to the Convention for each county; the committees of observation are directed to choose five of their members to be a committee of correspondence for their county. III, 12

Df.D. 7 pp. Several deletions and insertions.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 27-28 and in *Convention Proc.,* 29-30.

[1775 [Convention of Maryland.] **30**
Aug. 14] Contents same as **29,** except that seven delegates to the Convention are to be elected by the committee of observation of each county instead of five delegates elected by the voters and several minor changes. III, 11

Df.D. 4 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

[1775 [Convention of Maryland.] **31**
Aug. 14] Resolution directing the Council of Safety to purchase 5,000 stands of arms, preferably from American manufacturers, and nine "small Brass Field pieces." II, 5

D. 1 p.

Note. This resolution has been cut out of sheet no. 13 of **25** where it belongs.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 30.

[1775 Convention of Maryland. **32**
Aug. 14] Resolutions adopted urging that pending actions be settled amicably otherwise to stand until courts are re-established; legalizing use of depositions when witness can not be present; barring civil actions except certain cases involving injury to person or property or cases licensed by committees of observation; instructing committees of observation to appoint seven of their number to be a committee for licensing suits; recommending to the inhabitants that they pay their debts without compulsion. II, 13

Df.D. 4 pp. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 31-33 and in *Convention Proc.,* 33-35.

[1775 Aug. 14?] [Convention of Maryland.] **33** II, 26

Tally of votes for "Continental Deputies"; M[athew] Tilghman, T[homas] J[ohnson], S[amuel] C[hase], J[ohn] H[all], R[obert] G[oldsborough], T[homas] S[tone] and W[illiam] P[aca] elected; other nominees: C[harles] Carroll of Carrollton, R[obert] A[lexander], C[harles] C[arroll] Barrister and J[ames] H[ollyda]y.

D. 1 p.

Endorsed "Ballot paper No. 5."

[1775 Aug. 14?] [Convention of Maryland.] **34** II, 16

Tally of votes for members of the Council of Safety as follows: M[atthew] Tilghman, 16; T[homas] J[ohnson] 16; S[amuel] C[hase], 13; W[illiam] P[aca], 16; R[obert] G[oldsborough], 16; T[homas] S[tone], 15; R[ichard] T[ilghman] Earle, 3; J[ames] H[ollyday], 15; C[harles] C[arroll], Barrister, 16; C[harles] C[arroll] of C[arrollton], 10; T[homas] Smyth, 8; J[ohn] Moale, 1; J[ohn] H[all], 4; E[dward] Lloyd, 9; T[homas] Ringgold, 3; J[ames] L[loyd] C[hamberlaine], 3; Richard Lloyd, 9; D[aniel] of St. T[homas] Jeni[fer], 14; J[ohn] B[eale] Bordley, 13; W[illiam] Hindman, 4; R[obert] A[lexander], 12; J[ohn] R[ogers], 7; J[oseph] Sim, 1; J[ohn Allen] T[homas(?)], 3rd, 5; J[ames] Murray, 4; Col. [Henry] Hooper, 8; J[oseph] E[arle], 2; Tu[rbutt] Wright, 1; B[rice] T. B. W[orthington], 2; E[———] Til[———], 3; Thomas Wright, 2; William Ennalls, 2; S[amuel] Purviance, 1; T[homas] B[rooke] H[odgkin], 2.

D. 1 p.

Endorsed "Ballot Paper No. 3."

[1775 Aug. 14?] [Convention of Maryland.] **35** II, 27

Report of election for Council of Safety; elected for the Western Shore: Thomas Johnson, William Paca, T[homas] Stone, C[harles] Carroll, Barrister, Samuel Chase, D[aniel] of St. T[homas] Jenifer, R[obert] Alexander, C[harles] Carroll of Carrollton; for the Eastern Shore: M[atthew] Tilghman, R[obert] Goldsborough, J[ames] Hollyday, Thomas Smyth, Edward Lloyd, Richard Lloyd, J[ohn] B[eale] Bordley, Col. [Henry] Hooper.

D. 1 p.

[1775 Aug. 14?] [Convention of Maryland.] **36** II, 23

Tally of votes for W[illiam] Hindman, T[homas] Harwood and Charles Wallace, probably for Treasurers of Eastern and Western Shores.

D. 1 p.

Endorsed "Ballot paper No. 4."

1775 Aug. 29 Eden, Gov. Robert. To "the People of Maryland." **37** I, 2

Message, cautioning Marylanders against signing the declaration of the Association of Freeman; "there are already Difficulties enow in the way of a Reconciliation with the Mother Country"; failure to observe warning may mean that "Misfortunes . . . shall come upon you."

D. 3 pp.

[1775 Aug. ?] [Convention of Maryland.] **38** II, 19

Estimate of monies needed for paying troops and supplying them with arms; for encouraging erection of factories, for emitting bills of credit; and for paying [William] Neale for powder.

D. 2 pp.

1775 Nov. 1 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **39** VI, 45

Resolution directing that no produce of the United Colonies be exported before March 1 without permission of Congress, but Resolutions of July 15 and 26 for importation of ammunition are to continue in effect; New York, lower counties of Delaware, North Carolina and Georgia "ought not to avail themselves of the benefit allowed to them by the late restraining Act" and no persons should apply for clearances which other colonies are deprived of; President is to transmit copies of this Resolution to those colonies with thanks of Congress for not having taken advantage of exemptions; no rice is to be exported under exception contained in the 4th article of the association to Great Britain or British Dominions; no live stock is to be exported or water borne, except in rivers, bays and sounds.

Copy.

D. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, III, 314-315.

1775 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **40**
Nov. 1 Enclosed resolutions should be transmitted to county committees; if Annapolis cannot be defended, public records and the Loan Office should be removed. IV, 4

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 89.

1775 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **41**
Nov. 4 Resolutions recommending that the colonies keep their gunsmiths at work manufacturing good firelocks with bayonets and import all that are needed at present; that colonies pass laws for punishing persons harboring deserters; that the New England legislatures empower Gen. Washington to impress carriages, vessels, horses, etc. for the transportation of the army. VI, 44

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, III, 322-325.

1775 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **42**
Nov. 10 Resolution recommending that the colonies appoint persons to employ persons to collect together and place in suitable places such earth as is fit for making saltpeter. VI, 44a

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, III, 347-348.

1775 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **43**
Nov. 11 Resolution recommending to such proprietors of tobacco houses in Virginia and Maryland as cannot have the earth of the floors of such houses worked for salt petre immediately that they cause such floors to be dug up as soon as possible and to spread tobacco stalks and trashy leaves on them and to air them often so that the soil will be "more impregnated with nitrous particles" and the production of saltpeter increased. VI, 44b

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, III, 349.

1775 Eden, William, "Downing Street" [London]. To "My Dear Bob" [Gov. **44**
Nov. 14 Robert Eden]. I, 14

Thomas Eden has attempted to prevent communication between William and Robert Eden; Lord [William] Dartmouth has "quitted the Seals for the Privy Seal"; Lord [William Henry] Rochford has retired; Lord [Thomas] Weymouth takes over the "Southern Department"; newspapers are "stuffed" with misrepresentations; England has "a rough Road to go over" to regain prosperity.

A.L.S. 2 pp. On same page with **54.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 343-344.

1775 Nov. 22 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **45** VI, 43

Resolution, adopted upon considering report of the committee of the whole to consider the petitions from the Island of Bermuda for relief from the non-exportation agreements, directing that inhabitants of the Island be supplied enough produce for their subsistence and recommending the quotas of flour, beef, pork, corn, peas and other supplies to be furnished by South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York; Edward Stiles authorized to send the brig *Sea Nymph,* Samuel Stobel, Master to Bermuda with supplies.

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* III, 362-364.

1775 Nov. 25-Dec. 19 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **46** VI, 47

Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the committee to consider the letter of Gen. Washington of November 8 and the report of the committee which went to the Camp at Cambridge [Massachusetts] relating to the disposal of captured enemy vessels and cargoes, establishing regulations and recommending the erection of tribunals to govern such captures; the regulations are in eight articles, the second of which was recommitted and not passed until December 19.

Resolution regulating the shares of vessels and cargoes to be retained in lieu of salvage by vessels making recaptures.

Resolution declaring it would be dangerous if any colony should separately petition the King or Parliament.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 4 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.* as follows: first resolution in III, 371-375, 437; second resolution in III, 407 under date of December 5 and third resolution in III, 404 under date of December 4.

[1775 Nov. 27?] Pay list of the American Navy. **47** V, 3

Pay list for ships of 20 guns and upward for 27 positions from Captain at 60 dollars by calendar month to Seamen at 8 dollars; for vessels of 10 to 20 guns for 26 positions from Captain at 48 dollars to Seamen at 8 dollars; for vessels under 10 guns for 5 positions from Lieutenant Commanding at 30 dollars to Carpenter at 12 dollars; and for Marines for 5 positions from Captain at 30 dollars to Privates at 6⅔ dollars.

D. 1 p.

Printed in part in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* III, 384.

1775 Dec. 11 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **48** VI, 47a

Resolution directing the select men of Sherbourn in Nantucket to prepare an estimate of the provisions needed by the inhabitants to be attested by the justices of Barnstable County in Massachusetts who are empowered to grant licenses to vessels to import provisions from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, or Maryland.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* III, 421.

[Before **1775** Dec. 23] "A Copy of the Clause in the act (Restraining Bill) of Parliament referred to by Lord George Germain." **49** I, 14b

"All well-affected persons" should try to suppress rebellion; any person authorized by the King may grant pardons, or declare "any County, Town, Port, District or place in any Colony or province to be at the peace of his Majesty."

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **50.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 345.

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[1775 Dec. 23] Germain, George, [London]. To Gov. Robert Eden. **50** I, 15

King George (III) is determined to suppress rebellion in colonies; he has approved an act, copy of which is enclosed; "deluded Subjects" will note "the fatal Consequences of the Conduct they have adopted"; a commission will shortly be formed to find out what may be necessary for "the Restoration of the public Tranquility."

"Copy Chas. Thomson Secy of Congress."

L. Signed. "Geo Germain." Encloses **49.** Semi-legible.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 344-345.

1775 Dec. 23 Germain, George, Whitehall, [London]. To Gov. Robert Eden. **51** I, 12

Dispatch of August 27, 1775 to Lord Dartmouth was laid before King George (III) on November 27; the King approves of Eden's "Zeal for the Public Service"; confidential account of characters "of such [colonials] as come over into England" is useful; 7 Regiments and a Fleet of frigates are to restore order in the Southern colonies; North Carolina will be first visited, then South Carolina or Virginia; Eden should consider what opportunity he has "to give Facility & assistance to" Lord [John] Dunmore.

Copy.

L. Signed: "Geo: Germain" (copied). 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 344.

1775 Dec. 23 Germain, George, White Hall, [London]. To Gov. Robert Eden. **52** I, 37

Same text as **51.**

"Copy J. Pendleton C. C. Safety of Virginia; Copy Will:m Lux V.P. Com. of Baltimore; A copy Cha Thomson Secy of Congress."

L.S. 2 pp.

1775 Dec. 23 Germain, George, Whitehall, [London]. To Gov. Robert Eden. **53** I, 10

To "reduce his rebellious Subjects in North America," King George (III) has assented to a law to bring about "a happy and lasting Reconciliation"; inquiry into "State and Condition of the Colonies" will be made by a Commissioner.

"Circular." "Copy J. Pendleton C. C. Safety For Virginia."

L. Signed "Geo: Germain" (copied). 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 344-345.

1775 Dec. 24 Eden, William, "Downing Street," [London]. To "My dear Brother" [Gov. Robert Eden]. **54** I, 14a

Because of influenza, William Eden has not been able to write before; the taking of St. John's [Quebec], "completes our Disgrace"; the question is whether America "will be brought back to Common Sense and general Happiness"; Robert Eden is a friend "to both Sides of the Atlantic"; bill assented to December 23, 1775 stops commerce between America and England; New England can now subjugate "the Southern Counties"; other matters are in the papers.

A.L.S. 4 pp. On same page with **44.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 345-346.

1775 Dec. 26 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **55** VI, 47b

Resolution, based on the Resolve of November 29 for emitting an additional sum of 3,000,000 dollars in bills of credit to meet public expenses, pledging the thirteen united colonies to redeem the bills and directing that the proportion to be sunk by each colony be determined by the number of its inhabitants to be ascertained by taking a census; the states are requested to prohibit the arrest of Continental soldiers for small debts; the committees granting export permits to vessels importing military supplies under the Resolution of July 15 are requested to transmit accounts of such imports and exports to Congress.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, III, 457-459, 460-461.

1775 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **56**

Dec. 26 Resolution recommending that the colonies take a census of their inhabitants and forward it to Congress. VI, 46

"Copy."

D. Signed by copyist: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **143.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, III, 458.

1775 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **57**

Dec. 29 Resolution recommending that the colonies promote the manufacture of salt in order to avoid the risks of importing it. VI, 47c

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, III, 465.

1775 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **58**

Dec. [29] Resolution permitting Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina to export "to any part of the world," except Great Britain, Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey, Sark, Alderney, Mann, and the British West Indies; no provisions, stores or naval stores may be exported; making of salt should be encouraged. IV, 3

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **59.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, III, 464-465.

1775 Rogers, John, Philadelphia. To Robert Alexander, Baltimore. **59**

Dec. 29 Resolutions are enclosed covering Maryland matters; Alexander has been expected; "dissatisfaction grows that the State is not yet represented in Congress." IV, 2

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **58.**

[1775] Account of the Expenses of the Delegates of Maryland in Congress. **60**

Lists amounts due to Delegates T[homas] Stone, S[amuel] Chase, W[illiam] Paca, J[ohn] Hall and T[homas] Johnson. II, 25

D. 1 p.

[1775?] Account of Money Received by Charles Wallace for the Delegates at Philadelphia. **61** II, 15

Monies received from Elk Ridge by John Dorsey, from Mathias Hammond, from St. James Parish by [Stephen(?)] Steward, from Annapolis by [Gabriel(?)] DuVall, from Calvert County by [Benjamin(?)] Mackall, from Prince George's County by [David] Craufurd, from Frederick County by John Hanson, Jr.; payments made to Thomas Johnson, Jr. and William Paca and to William Carter "for going Express."

D. 1 p.

[1775?] "A plan for raising and Disciplining Troops in the province of Maryland." **62**

Each company to be composed of 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer and 68 privates; suggest 12 companies to a battalion and two battalions, one on each shore; should be under a single adjutant general in order that discipline be uniform; battalions should be filled up as soon as possible before winter makes it necessary to break camp and send the companies into cantonments, which should be near navigable water; several advantages to this plan: (1) men drilled in battalions learn faster than men exercised in smaller bodies (2) such properly trained troops will be useful in II, 14 training the militia of the various counties (3) in case of invasion troops will be in better position to resist it and (4) will be better able to keep internal enemies in subjection.

D. 2 pp.

Endorsed: "Col. Beall's Scheme."

[1775?] [Convention of Maryland.] **63** II, 20

Tally sheet of a vote by counties, subject not indicated.

D. 1 p.

Endorsed "List of Counties No. 1."

[1775?] [Convention of Maryland.] **64** II, 21

Tally sheet of a vote by counties, subject not indicated.

D. 1 p.

Endorsed "List of Counties No. 2."

[1775?] [Convention of Maryland.] **65** II, 22

Tally sheet of a vote by counties, subject not indicated.

D. 1 p.

Endorsed "List of Counties No.. 3."

[1775?] [Convention of Maryland?] **66** III, 8

Memorandum relating to the "vindictive and cruel Statutes tending to *vest* a power in the british Parliament to alter and destroy the established forms of Government of the united Colonies."

Df.D. 1 p.

[1775?] [Convention of Maryland?] **67** III, 9

Memorandum relating to the "giving & granting the money of the Americans without their consent" and "The Right claimed by Parlia[men]t to alter our Charters."

Df. 1 p.

[1775?] [Convention of Maryland.] **68** III, 17

Memorandum proposing number and denominations of bills of credit to be issued to reach the total of 100,000 dollars.

D. 1 p.

[1775?] [Convention of Maryland(?)] **69** III, 7

Memorandum relating to the calling together of the Council of Safety by two or more members and the "armed force being now employed by the British Ministry to destroy the lives of the Inhabitants of &ca."

Df.D. 1 p.

1776 Jan. 2 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **70** VI, 47d

Resolution requesting the colonies to transmit to Congress copies of all petitions presented to the throne or Parliament since 1762 and the answers received.

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IV, 21-22.

1776 Jan. 8 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **71** VI, 1

Resolution directing the Convention or Committee of Safety of Maryland to order three companies of minute men to march to Accomack and Northampton in Virginia instead of the Pennsylvania forces and directing the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania to send 500 pounds of powder to Virginia.

"Extract from the minutes."
A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* IV, 40-41.

1776
Jan. 20

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **72**
VI, 2

Resolution recommending that proper persons be employed within each colony to collect all the gold and silver coins they can in order to provide specie for the operations in Canada.

"Extract from the minutes."
D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **78.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* IV, 73.

1776
[Jan. 20(?)]

Council of Safety. To Maryland Deputies, Philadelphia. **73**
IV, 152

Annapolis and Baltimore are to be fortified; cannon must come from Philadelphia; 30 or 40 18 lb. cannon are wanted; may be taken by land to Delaware Bay; copy of Resolution of the Convention for bills of credit is inclosed.

L. 2 pp.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 101.

1776
Jan. 22

Johnson, Thomas, Jr., "Frederick Town," [Maryland]. To [Council of Safety]. **74**
IV, 6

Writes concerning enlistments under [George] Stricker in Frederick; rifles are needed, according to Stricker and [Thomas] Price; C[harles] Beatty can buy up some and Baker Johnson has loaned 100 rifles; [———] Ford would bring up the £250 necessary for equipment; Capt. [Lemuel] Barrett will also have a rifle company; 100 rifle gunlocks are available; [John] Royston is recommended as 1st Lt.; he is known to Gen. [Horatio] Gates.

A.L.S. 1 p. Faded.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 120-121.

1776
Jan. 23

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Charles Carroll, John Hall, and James Tilghman, Annapolis. To Maryland Deputies, Philadelphia. **75**
IV, 151

[———] Maynard is bringing letter from Gov. [Robert] Eden to [———] Foxcroft, also a letter to [William Legge], Lord Dartmouth; letters were not sent until Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Stone, James Hollyday and the Council were consulted; there is in them no "Intelligence unfriendly to America"; Maynard rates "the proper Passports to New York"; postscript says other letters deal with private business from Col. [———] Sim and others to Thomas Eden and Co.

L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 108-109.

1776
Jan. 27

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **76**
VI, 3

Resolution permitting M. Jugé to export produce or manufactures of Maryland (horned cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry excepted) to any place except those controlled by the British equal to the amount of canvas imported by him into the Province, the value to be ascertained by Committee of Observation of Baltimore County; indulgence in this instance ought not to be drawn into example, being granted because of the peculiar circumstances of the case.

"Extract from the minutes."
D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **78.**
Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 131 and in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* IV, 96.

1776
Jan. 27

Page, John, John Tabb, Thomas Walker, Dudley Digges, P[———] Carrington, and James Mercer, [Williamsburg], Virginia. To Council of Safety. **77**
X, 4

Solicit correspondence with Maryland because of interest, inclination, and situation; 2 gallies are to be built, one with a 20 lb. cannon, the other with a "twelve pounder"; other rivers than Potomac must be protected; Maryland plans for its defense will be consulted.

L. Signed: "John Page V. P., John Tabb, Dudley Digges, Thos. Walker, P. Carrington, Jas. Mercer." 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 110.

1776 Jan. 30 **78** IV, 5

Alexander, Robert, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety.

Resolutions of Congress on pay of Canadian troops and on M. Jugé were inclosed; as to a request to conserve tea imported before Feb. 1, 1775, it was overruled 7 to 5; New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware supported Maryland; news has come of the loss of Gen. [Richard] Montgomery in Quebec; by end of February [John] Carlton will be reduced; instructions of Convention, not yet before the Congress, are favored by all who have seen them; "they breath that Spirit, which ought to govern all publick Bodies, Firmness tempered with Moderation."

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **72, 76.**

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 334.

1776 Feb. 2 **79** IV, 7

Alexander, Robert and William Paca, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety, "Baltimore."

[———] Maynard brought letters regarding plates and paper for currency; Benjamin Franklin has given advice so engravers may work at once; printing would be expedited, if done in Philadelphia; a Congressional committee, headed by [John] Rogers is inquiring into manufacture of cannon; [Samuel] Chew has found that [Daniel] Hughes will provide cannon at £32 10s. each; 12 6-ball guns can be obtained from [Robert] Morris; ice on river has stopped shipment; postscript adds that Maynard has a passport for New York; [Samuel] Purviance sent the affadavits of skippers captured by [John], Lord Dunmore; they say a pilot boat brought to Norfolk, [Virginia] a cleric who gave information "of the Outfit, of Store and Provision Vessels"; "We are desirous of Knowing the Truth, a difficult Task at present."

A.L.S.; also signed by William Paca. Left margin mutilated. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 134 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 338.

1776 Feb. 4 **80** VI, 4

Hall, Joseph, "In committee of Safety," New York. To New York Delegates in Congress, [Philadelphia].

Asks them to inform Congress that Gen. [Henry] Clinton and one transport arrived today, but does not know whether the transport contains troops; the Ship of War *Mercury* is near Mitten Island coming into port; the vessels left Boston no more than fourteen days ago; the Mayor was assured by Gov. [William] Tryon in the presence of Gen. Clinton that no troops are coming here; but if forced to put in here they will not remain; if this is true, the most natural conclusion is that he is going Southward; Maj. Gen. [Charles] Lee arrived today; he has 700 men and has sent over for [William Alexander], "Lord" Stirling's regiment.

Copy. Written and signed by Charles Thomson.

L. Signed by copyist: "Joseph Hall Chairman." 1 p. Enclosed in **81.**

1776 Feb. 6 **81** IV, 8

Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To [Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer(?), Annapolis].

Council of Safety in New York has sent letter, copy of which should go to Virginia; brig has brought to [Robert] Morris 5 tons of materials and 500 stands of arms for Maryland.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **80.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 139.

1776 Feb. 8 Council of Safety. To Maryland Deputies, Philadelphia. **82** IV, 153

On receipt of letter from [Robert] Alexander and Resolution of Congress, agents in each county were set to collect "all the Gold and Silver they could"; disappointed not to receive cannon as requested January 20; money for Province may be printed at Philadelphia but finding Maryland supervisors at 20s. a day may be hard; "much in need of" powder; Daniel Purviance sent two depositions to deputies; copy of these and of his letter should be sent Council.

L. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 142-143.

1776 Feb. 8 Council of Safety. To Council of Safety, [Williamsburg], Virginia. **83** IV, 154

Letter of January 27, 1776 is acknowledged; cooperation to "contribute to our mutual defense" is assured; "inexperience" prevents approval of gallies on the Potomac; the *Defense,* with 22 sixpounders, can be on the Bay by March 1, 1776; course will be between Annapolis and Smith's Point; arms and powder are lacking and hopes for more are slight.

Df.L. 1 p. Many deletions.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 143-144.

1776 Feb. 9 Young, [James(?)], Philadelphia. To Samuel Chase, [Philadelphia]. **84** IV, 14

Rough draft of "the new invented Napsack" is presented; haversack and knapsack are joined together; price is 8s. 6d.; already regulars of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Virginia are using it; cartouch boxes are quoted at 8s. 6d.; bayonet belts to carry a tomahawk as well, are 4s. 6d.; gunslings are offered at 2s. each.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **85.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 150-151.

1776 Feb. 10 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **85** IV, 13

Enclosed proposals made on knapsacks, haversacks, and cartouches; Quebec is still blockaded; 700 men are with [Benedict] Arnold; he will take command in 6 weeks; there is no other news.

A.L.S. 1 p. Six words nearly illegible. Encloses **84.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 150.

1776 Feb. 16 Alexander, Robert, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **86** IV, 9

Signals for men of war and transports are enclosed; information should be kept secret; 20 tons of powder and 3,000 stands of small arms have arrived in Connecticut; if foreign arms "are not better than the sample we have . . . they will kill more of our troops than the Enemy"; prices are too high—"patriotism sinks before private interest"; 10 6-pounders have been sent; Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Chase, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton have gone to Canada; letters about procurement of saltpeter are just to hand.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 164 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* I, 352-353.

[1776 Feb. 16] [Council of Safety.] To Committee of Safety, Philadelphia. **87** IV, 155

Saltpeter works were erected in every Maryland County; crude niter is to be furnished by family manufacture; instructors might train in Pennsylvania "publick Works"; "supervisors living distant from Residences of our Men of Skill" will be recommended to go to Philadelphia.

L. 1 p. Last paragraph deleted.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 170.

1776 Feb. 17 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **88** VI, 46a

Resolution ordering that a standing committee of five be appointed for superintending the treasury; this committee is to obtain from the United

Colonies accounts of the number of inhabitants in each colony according to a resolution of Congress on that subject.

"Copy."

D. Signed by copyist: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **143.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IV, 156.

1776 Alexander, Robert and J[ohn] Rogers, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **89**
Feb. 25 Alexander Ross wishes passport to [John], Lord Dunmore; his application IV, 15
would be delayed in Congress; a letter from the Council would suffice.

L. Signed: "J. Rogers. Robert Alexander." 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 185 and *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 363.

1776 Alexander, Robert, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety]. **90**
Feb. 27 Congress has advanced $22,000 (£8,250) to Maryland; cartridge boxes, 25 IV, 16
reams at 16s. per ream, have been purchased; [Robert] Morris has imported 400 stands of arms and 3,500 pounds of powder for cannon; material will go by stages to Elk, [Maryland], thence by a "back river" to avoid disturbance on the Patapsco; letters smuggled in from Bristol in a barrel of bread; in one was a copy of [Frederick], Lord North's "conciliatory list"; rules for confiscation of trading vessels from January to June are given; "this more than diabolical list" provides for submission of the colonies; "Scotch Junto now disgraces the British Throne"; "Independency" is reprobated but it may be justified by necessity; 26,000 troops are reported as in America; Boston, New York, Virginia, and South Carolina are to be attacked; [Charles], Lord Cornwallis was to sail in January; [Samuel] Chase is going to Canada in a few days; if [John] Rogers absents himself, Maryland will be without representation unless [Thomas] Stone and [Thomas] Johnson should appear; [Matthew] Tilghman has been asked to come; "until a sufft number of my Brothers arrive, I shall not leave this City."

A.L.S. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 188-190 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 366-367.

1776 Hanson, John, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To [Council of Safety]. **91**
Mar. 3 Letter of February 2d is acknowledged; collection of gold and silver may be X, 14
difficult; refuses to serve on terms given.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 199.

[1776 Wrapper only. **92**
Mar. 8] Addressed to Council of Safety of Maryland. IV, 19
Wrapper of **93.**

1776 Carroll, Charles, Baltimore. To [Council of Safety]. **93**
Mar. 8 "The Commissary is not to be found" for Baltimore troops; enclosure to IV, 19a
Col. Thomas Dorsey gives sentiments of local committee on matter of supplies; Capt. [———] Gaither might supply powder, if more than 3,000 lbs. are wanted; Dr. [Charles F.] Wiesenthall will appoint [———] Coulter to be surgeon on the *Defence;* Brigadier [William] Buchanan is without officers; about 1500 lbs. of lead should be sent to Hammond Ferry, [Maryland], also "large Rifles."

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 222-223.

1776 Alexander, Robert, and Thomas Johnson, Jr., Philadelphia. To Council of **94**
Mar. 9 Safety, Baltimore. IV, 18
[Samuel] Purviance's "express letter" advises of a man-of-war in the

Chesapeake; Congress granted powder and Virginia offered the ton already sent off from Philadelphia by wagon; Capt. [James] Tibbit arrived from Statia, [West Indies] with a ton of powder; it will be dispatched to Christiana Bridge, [Delaware].

L. Signed: "Th Johnson Jun; R. Alexander" in handwriting of Alexander. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 229-230 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 384-385.

1776 Mar. 9 Alexander, Robert and Thomas Johnson, Jr., Philadelphia. To Col. Henry Hollingsworth, "Head of Elk" [Maryland]. **95** IV, 23

Directs Col. Hollingsworth to forward a ton of powder which will arrive at "Head of Elk" "very soon"; fresh horses should be used; same procedure should be used with 3 tons of powder coming from Christown.

L. Signed: "Th Johnson Jun. R. Alexander" 1 p.

1776 Mar. 9 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Philadelphia. To Council of Safety of Maryland. **96** IV, 17

Capt. [James] Tibbitt has arrived; he has sold his vessel but will take 2,000 lbs. of powder and 6 tons of lead, duck, "ozenbrig," etc. back; powder borrowed by Virginia is included.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 229.

1776 Mar. 9 Pendleton, Edmund, Williamsburg, [Virginia]. To [Council of Safety]. **97** X, 8

Beacons are needed on the Potomac; Col. [George] Mason of the Third Regiment and Col. [———] Peasley of the Fifth are a committee to "fix the different posts"; a Maryland commission should also be named for the purpose; no intelligence of Gen. [Henry] Clinton has arrived "since he went out."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 228.

1776 Mar. 14 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **98** VI, 5

Resolution recommending that all persons being notoriously disaffected or non-associators be disarmed and the arms be used for arming Continental troops raised in the Colony, troops raised for defense of Colony and associators.

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IV, 205.

1776 Mar. 15 Mason, George and John Dalton, Fairfax County, Virginia. To Council of Safety. **99** X, 7

As committee to fit out cruisers, they report purchase of 3 sloops; the largest, called the *American Congress*, will hold 90 men; 20 pounds of powder are needed to make vessel "very soon fit for Action"; if Maryland could spare the barrels of powder Capt. [Robert] Conway has aboard in the Eastern branch of the Potomac, the river could be defended; loan would be repaid "out of the first powder we receive from the Northward."

L. Signed: "G. Mason John Dalton." 2 pp. Right margin shows deletions.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 250-251.

1776 Mar. 19 Delegates from Maryland, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **100** IV, 21

Abram Vanbebber's cargo has arrived in Capt. [James] Tibbit's ship from Statia, [West Indies]; the ship will be purchased by the Congress and the cargo "will be forwarded by the Stages except the Duck"; "considerable profit" could be made by selling that; $22,000 is set aside by the Congress to exchange for gold and silver in Maryland; Robert Alexander can explain affairs; he leaves with Saturday's post; [William] Temple arrived with letter from Arthur Lee concealed in a coat button; troops are to come from Ireland; Temple is thought to be insane; letters go on *Asia* man-of-war but none without postage prepaid; Gen. Washington has possession of Dorchester Point, [Massachusetts] and [Sir William] Howe is in confusion.

L. Signed: "The Delegates of Maryland" in handwriting of Robert Alexander. 3 pp. Margins frayed.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 266-267 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* I, 399-400.

1776 Alexander, Robert "& Colleagues," Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. 101
Mar. 20 Powder, brought to Philadelphia by Capt. [James] Tibbet, has been sent by boat to Maryland; route is by Christiana Bridge, [Delaware], thence to Baltimore by wagon; powder is too scarce to be bought in Philadelphia; Col. [Henry] Hollingsworth of Cecil County gave [Thomas] Johnson money to buy powder but "this he could not accomplish"; no further applications can be received. IV, 22

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 271; in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* I, 401-402.

1776 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., and Robert Alexander, Philadelphia. To [Council 102
Mar. 26 of Safety]. IV, 20

Statement on arms and powder is enclosed; saltpeter can be borrowed; no return from *Hornet* and *Wasp* has been received; [David(?)] Rittenhouse promises plates shortly; supplies are hard to find—no duck, camp kettles or canteens; [Abraham] Van Bebber has cargo which may be used; Capt. [———] Squires' expedition was defeated; [Robert] Alexander has £8,250 to exchange for gold; the evacuation of Boston is completed but destination of troops is not known; postscript speaks of letter for Calvert from Mrs. Castes.

L. Signed: "R. Alexander Tho. Johnson"; text of letter in handwriting of Thomas Johnson. Much faded. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 290-291.

1776 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Robert Alexander, William Paca, and Thomas Stone, 103
Apr. 2 Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. IV, 24

[Archibald] Buchanan did not take money which [Thomas] Ringgold can bring; £160 17s. 6d. has been changed to $4,000 for delivery; plates and paper may also go; adjournment of Convention to May 20th is expected; affadavits concerning [Henry(?)] Hudson's ship should be transmitted to get salvage.

L. Signed: "Th Johnson Junr; R. Alexander, Wm. Paca, T. Stone." 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 306.

1776 Page, John, Williamsburg, Virginia. To Council of Safety. 104
Apr. 4 Enclosed packet came from Cornelius Starrett of Newbern, South Carolina; by their request it is to be sent first to Maryland and then to Pennsylvania. I, 44

L. Signed: "John Page V. P." 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 311.

1776 Page, John, Williamsburg, [Virginia]. To [Council of Safety]. 105
Apr. 7 Enclosed are copies of letters which were "intercepted" in passage from the Secretary of State [George Germain] to Robert Eden; Committee of Safety in Baltimore has also been sent copies; Congress should be notified. I, 45

L.S. 1 p.

1776 Johnson, Thomas, Thomas Stone, and Robert Alexander, Philadelphia. To 106
Apr. 9 [Council of Safety]. IV, 26

Thomas Read, bearer of letter, will also deliver 51 reams of paper; [David] Rittenhouse promises plates [for printing money] by April 13; they will come by post or "some Safe Hand."

L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 319.

1776 Apr. 12 — **107** IV, 27

Johnson, Thomas and Thomas Stone, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety].
Letter of April 9 has just been delivered; enclosed packet was given president; South Carolina sent the packet containing parliamentary act in restraint of Colonial trade passed December, 1775; a ton of powder has been borrowed from Congress for use of Maryland troops; it will be sent to Chestertown, [Maryland].
L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 328 and *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 419.

1776 Apr. 13 — **108** IV, 25

Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Thomas Stone, and Robert Alexander, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety].
No light duck in Philadelphia to fill recent request; good tenting material can be procured from [David(?)] Bowley; asks about cargo of *Wild Dick;* [Abraham] van Bebber should have written by now; "No important occurrence since we last wrote You"; postscript signed by Robert Alexander asks if "Cruger" can be used for tents.
L. Signed "Th. Johnson Junr. T. Stone." 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 331-332.

1776 Apr. 14 — **109** I, 38

Nicholson, James, Fell's Point, Baltimore. To Lt. John Nicholson, on ship *Defence.*
Ordered to land Capt. [Samuel] Smyth at Annapolis; Gov. [Robert] Eden and his secretary are to be made prisoners and put on board *Defense;* Capt. Smith is to be assisted at Col. [———] "Fitschen's"; if unsuccessful at either place, go down the Bay "as far as Prudence will direct you"; postscript directs arrest of [Alexander] Ross.
"A true copy from the original: Geo. Trumbull, Clk."
L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 382-383.

1776 Apr. 14 — **110** I, 42

Purviance, Samuel, Jr., Baltimore. To "Gentlemen of Baltimore Committee now at Annapolis."
Capt. James Nicholson and Samuel Smith have been sent to Annapolis to be at command of Committee and Council; Gov. [Robert] Eden might be captured at home of Capt. [———] Fitzhugh; General [Andrew] Buchanan, William Lux, William Buchanan, Dr. [John(?)] Boyd, [Thomas(?)] Harrison, and Purviance all decided on action but only Purviance is available to sign order.
A.L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 382.

1776 Apr. 14-22 — **111** I, 41a

Committee of Observation for Baltimore County. Proceedings.
Shows Samuel Purviance, William Lux, John Smith, William Buchanan, Thomas Harrison, John Boyd, Benjamin Nicholson, John Sterrett and James Calhoun were present at meeting; Committee Of Safety [Virginia] gives notice through John Page of Williamsburg, [Virginia] of "intercepted letters," copies of which were sent; Alexander Ross is in charge of the letters and "ought to be apprehended"; a letter from George Germain to Robert Eden informs the Governor that an act has been passed to deal with the "Rebellions"; letters from John Page, of Virginia, George Germain, John Hancock, Samuel Purviance, Jr. are copied into the proceedings; others mentioned are Alexander Ross, [John], Lord Dunmore, Robert Eden, John Pendleton, Jeremiah Townley Chase, Lt. [———] Plunkett, Charles Thomson, Capt. Samuel Smith, George Lux; concludes with decision to send clerk to Council of Safety meeting on April 22.
D. 12 pp.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 358-366.

[1776 Council of Safety. Proceedings. **112**
Apr. 15] [Charles] Carroll and [John] Hall were appointed to ask Gov. [Robert] I, 3
Eden for sight of his letter to [William Legge], Lord Dartmouth; Eden said letter had been sent elsewhere in 1776; as to parole that "he would not leave the province till the meeting of the Convention," Eden asked to delay answer until April 17, [1776]; verso bears statement by Thomas Johnson, Jr. that he had paid $2 for delivery of letter.

D. Incomplete. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 333-334.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **113**
Apr. 16 Resolution declares that Eden's correspondence is "highly dangerous to the I, 47
liberties of America"; his person and papers should be seized; person and papers of Alexander Ross should be seized; Council of Safety of Maryland and Committees of Observation in Baltimore and Frederick Counties should cooperate.

"Extracts from the Minutes Chas. Thomson Secy."

D. Signed "John Hancock President." 2 pp. Enclosed in **114.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 334-335 and in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* IV, 285-286.

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Committee of Safety, [Annapolis]. **114**
Apr. 16 Letters of [George] Germain to Gov. [Robert] Eden indicate that "person I, 46
and papers of Governor Eden be immediately seized"; Alexander Ross, recently with [John], Lord Dunmore, is a "dangerous Partizan of the British Administration"; Congress has resolved to apprehend him; the Committee should "exert your best Endeavor in executing said Resolutions."

L. Signed: "John Hancock Presid" 2 pp. Encloses **113.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 334 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* I, 422-423.

1776 Eden, Gov. Robert, Annapolis. To Charles Carroll, John Hall, and William **115**
Apr. 17 Paca, [Annapolis]. I, 43

Expresses thanks for "your polite Behaviour"; no parole can be given in view of his position as governor; "I had and have no Intention . . . of leaving the Province"; denies any intention of harming the Province;" so long as Maryland can reap any peaceful Benefit from my service," Eden will continue "acting in the Same line I have hitherto done"; to be treated as an enemy is insulting.

L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 337-338.

1776 Johnson, Thomas, Jr. Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **116**
Apr. 17 On April 16, letters arrived from Baltimore; anonymous letter came "under I, 30
the same Cover"; "Mr. Purviance being the Heroe of the Tale which was told" revealed the authorship of the letter; Andrew Allen knows Purviance's handwriting and "says it was his"; Gen. [Charles] Lee was led to believe Maryland Council of Safety was "timorous and inactive"; the letter was "a vile injurious Calumny calculated . . . to spread Suspicion and Mistrust"; motion to send letter to Council of Safety was put off; [Thomas] Stone and [Robert] Alexander were delayed in attending Congress; heard part of the proceedings and "are, as well as myself, privy to the after Transactions."

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 347-348 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* I, 425-426.

1776 Alexander, Robert and Thomas Stone, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety]. **117**
Apr. 18 Powder has been sent to Chestertown, [Maryland] by wagon; Maj. IV, 29
[Samuel] Smith or [———] Haines is to receive it; Congress granted this material because of "exposed defences of the Eastern Shore"; part of plates "with the Devices" are sent; [David(?)] Rittenhouse promises rest by April 30.

L.S. 1 p.

1776
Apr. 18

Johnson, Thomas, Thomas Stone, and Robert Alexander, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety]. **118** I, 29

Purviance's letter, by Resolve of Congress, is to be transmitted to Maryland Council of Safety; several hours' debate preceded passage of Resolution; the argument in favor was that "if there rested a suspicion that any publick Body . . . refused to execute the trust committed to them it ought to be made Known to their Constituents"; against the motion was the argument "mischief . . . would be produced by communicating the Letter"; five colonies voted not to request the President to lay the letter before Congress, three voted in the affirmative and one was divided; on April 17 the "Obligation to Secrecy expired"; [John] Hancock refused to see Maryland delegation; steps to vindicate honor of the Council of Safety should be taken "against the foul Calumny of Mr. Purvyance who has dared to detract from your Patriotism & Spirits"; [Robert] Eden should be secured, along with his papers; further word will come by "Post."

L.S. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.* XI, 351-352 and *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 427-428.

1776
Apr. 18

Smallwood, William, [Annapolis(?)]. To Council of Safety. **119** I, 40

Capt. [———] Adams has arrested Alexander Ross and Ensign [———] Chambers; orders "respecting the Prisoners" are awaited.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 352-353.

1776
Apr. 20

Ross, Alexander, Annapolis. To [Council of Safety]. **120** I, 39

Complains about his arrest and confinement "from last—Wednesday morning"; a hearing should be given shortly, as there is no evidence; "Maryland has always been my favorite Province"; the province has aided in Ross's service with [John, Lord] Dunmore.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 358.

1776
Apr. 23

Council of Safety. **121** I, 4

Col. [William] Smallwood is, by order of Council of Safety, to have Samuel Purviance, Jr, William Lux, and George Lux, all of Baltimore, arrested; the three are to be brought under a sufficient Guard to Annapolis.

D. Signed: G[abriel] Duvall, Clerk. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 372.

1776
Apr. 23

Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **122** I, 28

Word was to be sent by [Charles] Wallace and [Frederick] Green but as post may be swifter, notice of approval of Council of Safety is being sent; "letter to the President gave high offense to some of the very hot Gent."; a resolution may be formed tomorrow; R. A. [Robert Alexander] and T. S. [Thomas Stone] also send respects; reverse: order, partly completed then scored out, to John Gordon for £495 4s. paid by Treasurer of the Western Shore.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 372 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 429.

1776
Apr. 23

Lux, George, Baltimore. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **123** I, 41

Due to a confining fever, he has not yet gone to Annapolis; papers referred to have been copied; any errors are "caused solely by my Sickness, for I am at this moment hardly able to hold my pen."

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 373.

[1776 Apr. 23?] — **124** I, 6

Report on Capt. James Nicholson.

On appearing before the Board, Nicholson stated that [Samuel] Purviance, chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore, showed a letter from Gen. [Charles] Lee; Nicholson assumed that Capt. [Samuel] Smith had instructions from Council of Safety; the Board cautioned Nicholson "to be more on his Guard for the future," since Lee had no authority in Maryland and Purviance "exceeded his power."

D. 1 p.

1776 Apr. 24 — **125** I, 19

"Rough Draft of the Examination of S. P. [Samuel Purviance] & W. L. [William Lux]."

Asked to produce Gen. [Charles] Lee's letter, Purviance demurred to a public showing; no other packet was sent Congress; denies any anonymous letters were sent to [John] Hancock; refused to answer a charge of being "a hot-headed fellow & must be pulled down or you'll bring things into Confusion"; it was the intention of Committee to ask [Samuel] Smith to consult Council of Safety; Eden was to be brought to Baltimore to prevent "numerous Friends & partizans that would interfere & breed Confusion"; instructions were dated wrongly and should have read "Monday the 15"; "Mr. P. acknowledges that the instructions to Capt. Smith were given by himself"; Lux, asked who made up packet, said "I did"; he knew of no special letters mentioned by examiners; no charges against Committee of Safety were intended.

Df.D. 4 pp.

1776 Apr. 24 — **126** I, 19a

"Examination of Mr. Sam Purviance jun. Chairman of the Committee of Observation Balt. County."

Same text as **125,** but in fuller form.

D. 3 pp.

Printed in fuller version in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 376-382.

1776 Apr.24 — **127** I, 18

Samuel Purviance's Examination.

Same text as **125,** but in draft form.

Df.D. 2 pp.

1776 Apr. 24 — **128** I, 34

Purviance, Samuel, Jr. Examination before Council of Safety.

Same text as **125.**

D. 8 pp. Many cancellations, substitutions, and interlineations.

[1776 Apr. 24] — **129** I, 33a

Purviance's Answers.

Same text as **125.**

D. 2 pp.

1776 Apr. 24 — **130** I, 25a

"The Examination of Mr. William Lux Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Balto County."

Questions and answers from proceedings of the Council of Safety; Lux was questioned on contents of packet; it had been delivered to [Samuel] Purviance; Council of Safety conducted itself properly; no instructions were "ever thought of."

D. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 375-376.

[1776 Apr. 24] — **131** I, 25

Examination of Maj. [Mordecai] Gist.

Incomplete listing of 5 questions and answers by Maj. Gist; he was informed by Capt. [James] Nicholson; [William] Buchanan and Nicholson "enjoined" him; now thinks he was wrongly ordered to Annapolis.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 388-389.

[1776 Apr. 24] Deposition of William Gordon. **132** I, 35

“Sometime last week” Gordon heard Robert Ridge make insinuations against William Nevin; “Nevin had wrote to Ld. D. [Dunmore] informing him that it would be a good place to land . . . abt. 1 mile above Thomases's”; Nevin promised to come “at a Signal” and show the landing spot; Robinson “the governor's waitingman” who was to carry Nevin's message, refused because of dangerous content of the message.

D.S. 1 p. Nearly illegible.

[1776 Apr. 24] Deposition—Robert Ridge, [Annapolis(?)]. **133** I, 20

“A little boy” told Ridge that Gov. [Robert] Eden “was going to [John, Lord] Dunmore”; William Nevin had brought Eden a letter; the Governor's “waiting man” Robinson also told of a letter from Dunmore.

D. Signed by a mark. 1 p.

1776 Apr. 24 Stone, T[homas], Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **134** I, 27

[Thomas] Johnson wrote Jenifer April 23, 1776; “affairs of Canada” have occupied much time and will continue to do so; “everything will be left to the Convention,” as far as the letter is concerned; Gov. [Robert] Eden's letter has been published in a Philadelphia newspaper; soon all governors must quit; quick movements are not wise; peace “on terms of Security and Justice to America” is wanted “but War, anything is preferable to a Surrender of our Rights”; the Maryland Council of Safety has stood for public good and has been “steady firm and determined in . . . opposition to ministerial Tyranny”; on April 27 or 28, Stone expects to meet his wife.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 383-384 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 431-432.

1776 Apr. 25 Tilghman, Mat[hew], Thomas Johnson, Jr., and Thomas Stone, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety]. **135** I, 31

Letter of April 22 just received; “no fuller proceeding in Congress on Mr. Eden's affair”; [———] King has just been discharged and is therefore not blameworthy; [John] Rogers “should be at the Convention; we don't think the province ought to be left unrepresented here.”

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 386 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, I, 432.

[1776 Apr. 26] Captain Samuel Smith's Examination. **136** I, 17

Answers are made to five questions relative to arrest of Gov. Eden; secret orders from [Samuel] Purviance were never shown Committee in Annapolis; Baltimore deputation was seen “early in the morning”; he was advised “not to shew his Instructs to the Col.”

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 389.

[1776 Apr. 26] “Capt Sam. Smith's Nar.” [Narrative]. **137** I, 26

On April 15, 1776 while “exercising three Companies stationed in Baltimore,” Smith was asked to come to Committee meeting; 8 or 10 men with Smith were to go aboard Capt. [James] Nicholson's tender; only [Samuel] Purviance was at meeting; Maj. [Mordecai] Gist could not be found until dinnertime; Council of Safety was to have seized [Robert] Eden if he were in Annapolis; he arrived with men at Annapolis about 3 a.m. April 16; John Smith, Benjamin Nicholson, and John Sterrit were notified after daybreak, he was advised by them “not to shew” Instructions; Council was to meet at 10 a.m.; because of supplies Smith suspected Eden; guard drank 2 bottles “Portar and one of Claret”; [Richard(?)] Sprigg was surprised and left the boat; “he [was] grumbling all the time”;

[Samuel] Smith said Council of Safety had not authorized stoppage of craft; [Gabriel] Duvall gave “Verbal orders” for Smith to go home; Eden had secured a pass for “his mullatoes to pass unmollested”; pass was given to [Charles] Carroll [of Carrollton] by Lt. Nicholson; at 2 o’clock Smith and his company returned to Annapolis; “N. B. The Paragraph marked (X———) I recollected since I wrote the Narrative delivrd to the Honl. Council.”

D. Signed “Sam Smith.” 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 390-392.

[1776 Apr. 26] “Capt. Saml. Smith’s Representation of his Conduct.” **138** I, 33

Same text as **137,** with the addition of “which we did with Mr. Duval.”

D. 2 pp.

1776 Apr. 28 Pendleton, Edmund, Williamsburg, [Virginia]. To “Committee of Safety of Maryland.” **139** X, 1

North Carolina sends part of Tories taken to Pennsylvania, part to Maryland; 12 sent to Maryland all escorted by Virginia guards; prisoners may be found at Alexandria, [Virginia]; “bad Consequences” would follow escape.

L.S. 1 p.

1776 Apr. 28 Rogers, [John], [Prince George’s County?]. To Council of Safety. **140** IV, 28

Recovering from gout and not able to attend to request of April 28 until May 1; will be in Philadelphia when “such of the Maryland Gentlemen as intend to be at the Convention . . . attend the first day of its meeting.”

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XI, 393.

1776 May 6 Peters, Richard, “War Office,” [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **141** IX, 4a

Has received a letter from Col. [Mordecai] Gist informing him that the prisoners at Baltimore were going to Philadelphia but were detained by him; therefore assumes that “the within Letter” which was written on April 15 has not been received.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1776 May 7 Board of Treasury, Philadelphia. **142** VI, 46b

Proceedings of the Board of Treasury, present: James Duane, Chairman, Thomas Willing, Elbridge Gerry, John Gibson, Auditor General, and William Webb, Assistant; ordered that letters be sent pursuant to the resolution of Congress of February 17 to the colonies requesting a census of the inhabitants in each colony according to the resolution of Congress on that subject.

“Extracts from the minutes of the Treasury Board.”

D. Signed by John Gibson. 2 pp.

1776 May 7 Duane, James, “Treasury Office, Philadelphia.” To Convention of Maryland. **143** VI, 6

Encloses resolutions of Congress passed December 26, 1775 and February 17, 1776 and requests that a census of the inhabitants of the Colony be taken and transmitted “to this Office.”

L. Signed by “Jas. Duane Chairman.” 1 p. Encloses **56, 88.**

1776 May 15 Minutes of Virginia Convention. **144** X, 9

112 Members were present; Resolution asks delegates in Congress to “declare the united Colonies free and independent”; a committee on rights is to be appointed.

D. Endorsed by Edmund Pendleton. 2 pp.

1776 May 26 Pendleton, Edmund, Williamsburg, [Virginia]. To [Mathew Tilghman, Annapolis]. **145** X, 6

[John], Lord Dunmore and the fleet left Norfolk, [Virginia] for Hampton Road, [Virginia]; lookouts say the British turned up the Bay, past York River, [Virginia]; the *Roebuck,* back from Delaware, is with the fleet.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 446.

1776 June 1 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **146** VI, 7

Resolution requesting 6,000 militia to reinforce the army in Canada to be raised as follows: Massachusetts Bay 3,000, Connecticut 1,500, New Hampshire 750, New York 750.

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* IV, 410-411.

1776 June 3 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **147** VI, 7a

Resolution empowering Gen. Washington to employ 2,000 Indians in Canada and establishing the quotas of 13,800 militia to be furnished by Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey to reinforce the army at New York; a flying camp is to be established in the middle colonies made up of 10,000 men furnished by Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware; stocks, grain, and meal are to be removed from places likely to be invaded; a report on the condition of lead mines is requested.

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* IV, 412-413.

1776 June 4 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **148** VI, 7b

Resolution recommending that the colonies furnishing militia under the Resolutions of June 3 provide them with arms, accoutrements, and camp kettles.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by John Hancock. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* IV, 415.

[1776?] June 9 Lee, Gen. Charles, Needwood Forest [Virginia(?)]. To [William Goddard, Baltimore]. **149** III, 43

Encloses a letter to be published in Goddard's "paper"; desires subscription to be sent to him, care Wolfe, Shepherd Town, Berkley County, Virginia; sends good wishes to Col. [Eleazer(?)] Oswald.

C.L. On the same sheet with **156, 243.**

1776 June 11 Tilghman, Mathew, Thomas Stone, and John Rogers, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **150** IV, 30

[Charles(?)] Steward brought a letter from Council and by the post a letter dated June 7; [Robert] Morris has recommended men to fit out gallies; arms lent by Congress are unavailable; Maryland is thought to be inaccessible to attack; flying camp quota is 3,400 men, as inclosed resolve shows; Virginia has given "an ungenerous and malevolent Turn" to Maryland proceedings; apparently they wish to "stir up the People of Maryland against their Representatives"; debate on independence will be resumed in 3 weeks; Convention of Maryland must decide this and notify Congressional deputies; latter would attend Convention if necessary; whether harvesting prevents or not, Convention must be held; proceedings of last session of the Convention should be sent to Philadelphia; King and ministers won't offer terms acceptable to America; [Samuel] Smith's reports about Capt. [———] Hammond and [John], Lord Dunmore do not indicate peace; gun carriage, instruments, and paper will be sent.

L. Signed by Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Stone and John Rogers. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 477-479; in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* I, 485-486.

1776 June 12 Carroll, Charles, “Mount Clare, Balt County,” [Maryland]. To [Council of Safety]. **151** IV, 66

William Tilghman’s letter of June 9 was received June 11; the Resolves of the Virginia convention were inclosed; a trip to Annapolis would be made but “Constant little Fevers” prevent the journey; Maryland is not accountable to Virginia and their Committee of Safety should be so notified; this Province has sent militia to the Eastern Shore committee of Virginia; assistance given Gov. [Robert] Eden was not intended to destroy Virginia; the address to Gov. Eden did not support or justify him; the address should be printed to prove this; to continue the Government “in its old and at Present established form” was a discreet act of the Council of Safety; Virginia’s criticism tends to ruin the harmony “that at this Critical Period Should Subsist between the two Colonies”; no discussion should take place; [William] Lux will take the letter and bring back any word; “there was no Probability of Reconciliation with Great Britain”; “Little Contrivances” and other bad treatment from any body must be disregarded; anything written or published in reply should be peremptory; will probably not be at the Convention on June 18.

A.L.S. 4 pp.

[1776 June 12] [Council of Safety]. To Robert Alexander, [Baltimore]. **152** IV, 10

Samuel Purviance has informed committee of Alexander’s return; “much difficulty” has been encountered in doing public business without the help of “Contracts and other papers” held by Alexander; request is made for transmittal to the Committee of all such material; hopes are expressed for his restoration to health shortly; added in a later and another hand: “to R. Alexander. He left Congress before the decl of independ & went over to the British. This letter, cautiously written, was evidently intended to get the gov’ment papers from him.”

L. Signed: “per order.” 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 487.

1776 June 14 [Council of Safety]. To “Deputies in Congress,” [Philadelphia]. **153** IV, 31

Acknowledges letter of June 11; there is great interest in business of Convention; “the sense of the people” as to independence may be gained from the Committees of Observation; [William] Paca has probably arrived but [Thomas] Johnson and [Robert] Goldsborough are “still with their families”; news in Virginia papers says [Henry] Clinton left Cape Fear [North Carolina] on May 29; Gen. [Sir William] Howe’s house was burned; Clinton’s proclamation warned North Carolinians “to flee from the wrath that was hereafter to come upon them”; the British may be coming up from Virginia.

L. 2 pp. Interlined in part.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 490.

1776 June 15 Stone, Thomas, [John] Rogers, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety]. **154** IV, 32

Acknowledges letter of June 10; militia cannot be ordered from Province by Congress; “flying camps” are to accept volunteer militia for defense of Middle Colonies; delegates can hardly be expected to attend Convention and neglect Congressional duties; [Matthew] Tilghman has left; British and American cannon differ in weight; postscript mentions articles sent by stage.

L. Signed: “T. Stone, Rogers.” Illegible in part. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XI, 492-493; in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* I, 492-493.

1776 June 19 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **155** VI,8

Resolution recomending that each colony provide a suit of clothes, blanket, felt hat, 2 shirts, 2 pair hose and 2 pair shoes for each soldier of the American Army enlisted therein for the present campaign; Congress is to provide funds to the colonies for such articles; the Commander-in-chief may draw on the colonies for clothing whenever necessary and the cost is to be deducted from the pay of the soldiers.

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, V, 466-467.

[1776] June 19 Lee, Gen. Charles, Shepards Town, [Virginia]. To [William] Goddard, [Baltimore]. **156** III, 43a

Understands Col. [Eleazer(?)] Oswald is a partner of Goddard's; encloses further queries and promises "many papers which will be of Service to you"; Goddard has "the first Reputation for impartiality as a printer on the Continent."

C.L. On the same sheet as **149, 243.**

1776 June [21] Convention of Maryland. **157** II, 145

List of Members: St Mary's: Jeremiah Jordan, Richard Barnes, George Plater, John Reeder, A[thanasius] Ford; Charles: Josias Hawkins, Robert T[ownsend] Hooe, T[homas] Stone, J[oseph] H. Harrison, William Harrison; Calvert: Benjamin Mackall, 4th, A[lexander] Somerville, Edward Gantt, P[atrick] S. Smith, William Allein; Prince George's: Joseph Sim, Josias Beall, Thomas Contee, J[ohn] Rogers, R[obert] Tyler; Anne Arundel: C[harles] Carroll, Barrister, T[homas] Johnson, Jr., S[amuel] Chase, W[illiam] Paca, C[harles] Carroll of Carrollton; Frederick: Henry Griffith, Charles Beatty, Baker Johnson, John Stull, William Baird; Baltimore: R[obert] Alexander, B[enjamin] Nicholson, John Moale, W[alter] S. Tolley, J[eremiah] T[ownley] Chase; Harford: A[———] Hall, B[enjamin] Rumsey, Thomas Bond, John Love, Richard Dallam; Kent: R[obert] Buchanan, P[eregrine] Letherbury, Emory Sudler, William Sluby, Thomas Ringgold; Queen Anne's: James Hollyday, Turbutt Wright, Thomas Wright, Richard T. Earle, James Tilghman; Talbot: M[atthew] Tilghman, James L. Chamberlain, N[icholas] Thomas, P[ollard] Edmondson, Edward Lloyd; Dorchester: R[obert] Goldsborough, H[enry] Hooper, James Murray, William Ennalls, John Ennalls; Caroline: Joshua Clarke, N[athaniel] Potter, William Richardson, Henry Dickinson, Richard Mason; Somerset: George Dashiell, Gustavus Scott, Peter Waters, William Adams, John Adams; Worcester: Peter Chaille, Samuel Handy, Smith Bishop, John Done, Joseph Dashiell; Cecil: John Veazey, Joseph Gilpin, J[ohn] D. Thomson, P[atrick] Ewing, William Currer.

D. 1 p.

[1776 June 21] Convention of Maryland. **158** II, 81

Resolution requesting the Deputies in Congress to attend the Convention; but they are not to leave without permission or without assurance that questions of independence, foreign alliance, or confederation will be postponed until they return.

Df. 1 p. Several deletions.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 166.

[1776 June 21] [Convention of Maryland.] **159** II, 82

Resolution directing that Alexander Irvine and Charles Irvine "be added to the Signers of Bills of Credit."

Df. 1 p. Several words deleted.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 166.

1776 Council of Safety. **160**
June 23 Form of passport to leave Province. II, 88
D. 1 p.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **161**
June 24] Resolution directing that no passport to leave America be granted by II, 83
Council of Safety to any person unless he produce a passport from the colony where he last resided.
Df. 1 p. Several words deleted.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 167.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **162**
June 24] Record of vote by counties [on the resolution that all questions be II, 99
determined by a majority of members]; carried in the affirmative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.
D. 1 p.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 167-168.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **163**
June 24] Resolution, adopted upon considering the letters of Capt. [George] Mon- II, 87
tague and Robert Eden to the Council of Safety, declaring that Capt. Montague has violated the truce by detaining servants and refusing to deliver up a deserter; the commanding officer is ordered not to permit the baggage of Eden or any other person to be carried aboard the *Fowey* and to cause all communication with the ship to cease; the letters relating to the case are to be published; the ship *Defence* and her tender are to proceed down the Bay and prevent any plunder being committed by the Captain of the *Fowey*.
Df. 2 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 168-169.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **164**
June 24 Resolution declaring that all persons abiding within any of the united VI, 8a
colonies owe allegiance to the said colony; all such persons levying war against the colonies or assisting the enemy shall be guilty of treason; the colonies should pass laws punishing such persons and also persons counterfeiting the Continental bills of credit.
"Extract from the minutes."
A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp.
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, V, 475-476.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **165**
June 24 Contents same as **164**. VI, 63
D. Signed by John Hancock. 2 pp. Enclosed in **168**.

1776 Committee of Observation of Anne Arundel County, Annapolis. **166**
June 25 William Yieldell, a Non-Associator, having refused to give bond was II, 107
committed to the custody of Capt. James Tootell, who is ordered to bring him before the Convention.
"A true extract."
D. Signed by Nicholas Worthington, Chairman. 1 p.

1776 Committee of Observation, Somerset County, [Maryland]. To Convention **167**
June 25 of Maryland. II, 101
A number of persons have been assembling in a disorderly manner, particularly in the Merumsco and Perrehawkin area; it is suspected that a plan has been concerted between them and the ministerial forces; five of Capt. [John] Gunby's men who deserted are believed to have boarded several enemy

vessels now in our waters, taking considerable stock with them; William Roberts and a number of his slaves and other property have been carried off by the enemy; "the old offender Isaac Atkinson" is with the enemy and may direct their operations; Capt. [John] Watkins' company has been called from Worcester to help; a battalion of riflemen now in Sussex County might also be available if the Convention deems it proper; it is doubtful if more than 400 militia can be equipped; Captains Gunby and Watkins yesterday marched their companies to Annemessix and a number of persons joined them.

L. Signed by Thomas Hayward, Chairman. 2 pp.

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Convention or Council of Safety of **168**
June 25 Maryland. VI, 62

Is directed by Congress to transmit enclosed resolves; they are calculated to prevent insurrections and to introduce good order in united colonies.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **165.**

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **169**
June 25] Record of votes [on the question that no person holding a commission II, 100
in the militia shall be eligible to have a seat in any future Convention]; carried in the affirmative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **170**
June 25] Resolution, based on the information that the Writs of Election for Dele- II, 159
gates in Assembly have been issued in the name of the proprietary, directing that "the said Writs be not obeyed."

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 169.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **171**
June 25] Resolution directing Council of Safety to contract for building and equip- II, 158
ping "Seven Row-Gallies" instead of the "Seven Gondolas" ordered by last Convention.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 169.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **172**
June 25] Resolution for furnishing 3,405 militia to form a flying camp and to act II, 150
with the militia of Pennsylvania and Delaware in the "Middle Department" as requested by the Resolutions of Congress of June 3; four battalions are to be instantly raised each having 9 companies; each company is to have 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer and 76 privates; each battalion is to be commanded by 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major and to have 1 quartermaster, 1 adjutant, 1 surgeon and 2 assistants; the whole of the militia is to be commanded by a brigadier-general; warrants are to be issued for enlisting volunteers, the warrants to captains are to be for 30 men, to lieutenants for 20 men, and to ensigns for 16 men; commissions are to be issued to all officers completing their enrollments by July 20, otherwise to any person who may best promote the service; none of the militia may be compelled to serve out of the stipulated limits or beyond December 1; during their service they are to be under the command of a general officer appointed by Congress and subject to the rules established by the Convention.

Df.D. 4 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 170-171.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **173**
June 25] Resolution directing that the militia be supplied with 850 iron pots, cartouch II, 146
boxes, and tents; militia men owning firelocks are to use them, making small

repairs at the expense of the Province, if necessary; those without firelocks are to be supplied by the Council of Safety or Committees of Observation; the deficiency is to be made up by borrowing arms from individual owners and giving them a receipt; all arms and supplies so furnished are to be carefully preserved and returned; if anything is lost through negligence, the captain shall be answerable to the public and the immediate delinquent to the captain; commissions shall be dated as of the date the officer completed his enrollment quota and officers shall take rank accordingly.

Df.D. 4 pp. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 171-172.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **174**
June 25] Resolution directing that on the issuing of the warrants or granting of II, 147
commissions, each captain be paid £46 10s. and each ensign £37 5s. to be advanced to soldiers in part of their wages at the discretion of the officer who will be held accountable for the money advanced; *verso:* tally of votes for [———] Douglass, [———] Weems and [William] Paran.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 172.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **175**
June 25] Resolution directing that militia men who shall enroll while under contract II, 148
to perform particular services by the year, month, or other time shall be entitled to receive wages in proportion to the time they have served.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 172.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **176**
June 25] Resolution directing that the several companies shall be mustered and passed II, 149
by a field officer of the county where raised and the captain shall return two certified copies of the muster roll to the Council of Safety, one of which shall be sent to Congress.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 172-173.

1776 Peter Craufurd and James McCaskie, "on board the *Fowey*, Man of War." **177**
June 26 Certify that they were under the necessity of using the boat of David II, 103
Kerr and that they forcibly carried [William] Bishop on board the Man of War, but set him free with the boat.

A.D.S. 1 p.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **178**
June 26] Order directing that the tender of the *Defence* be stationed between Green- II, 157
bury's and Horn Point, one armed boat between Tolley's and Horn Point and an armed boat between Greenbury's and Hackett's Point to prevent communication with the *Fowey*.

Df.D. 1 p. Several words interlined.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 173.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **179**
June 26] Order directing that William Yieldell be discharged upon giving bond with II, 156
sureties approved by the Committee of Observation of Anne Arundel County and upon paying the charges of his imprisonment.

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 173.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **180**

June 26] Resolution, adopted upon finding that the suspicion that William Bishop assisted in carrying Peter Craufurd and James McCaskie "on board the Fowey Man of War" is well founded, directing that Bishop give bond for his appearance at the next Convention and for his good behavior meanwhile. II, 155

Df.D. 1 p. Several words interlined.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 173-174.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **181**

June 26 Resolution giving a bounty of ten dollars to every non-commissioned officer and soldier enlisting for three years. VI, 8b

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, V, 483.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **182**

June 27 Resolution directing that six companies of riflemen in addition to three now at New York be raised and "that the whole be regimented"; Capt. [Hugh] Stevenson is to be commissioned colonel of the regiment; four companies of Germans are to be raised in Pennsylvania and four in Maryland to compose the German regiment; Maryland is requested to raise and appoint officers for the two companies of riflemen with all possible expedition. VI, 66

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson and John Hancock. 2 pp. Enclosed in **188.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, V, 486, 487-488.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **183**

June 27, July 4] "Ballot for Officers [of the] Flying Camp": for brigadier general: T[homas] J[ohnson] 39, T[homas] Dent 20; Frederick County Battalion: for colonel: O[tho] H[olland] Williams 55, B[aker] Johnson 6; for lieutenant colonel: C[harles] G[reenbury] Griffith 50, A[———] Campbell 11, B[———] J[———] 2; for major: H[enry] Shryock 51, E[———] Campbell 5, E[———] Burgess 4, W[———] Deakins 1; Eastern Shore Battalion: for colonel: James Kent 27, J[oseph] Earle 24, W[———] R[———] 9; for lieutenant colonel: J[oseph] Earle 36, P[———] Waters 23; for major: [William] Hopewell 32, William Henry 30; Western Shore Lower Battalion: for colonel: [John] Dent unanimous; for lieutenant colonel: John Addison unanimous; for major: James Eden 41, [———] Gaither 11, [———] Steward 10; Upper Battalion: for colonel: J[osiah] C[arvil] Hall 28, W[alter] Tolley 24, [Thomas] Ewing 7; for lieutenant colonel: [William] Hyde 36, J[———] Steward 20, T[homas] Ewing 3, C[———] Ridgely 2; for major: John Cradock 37, I[saac] Griest 17, J[———] Steward 6; Eastern Shore quartermaster: S[amuel] Edmondson 39, T[homas] Sykes 19; Lower Battalion Western Shore quartermaster: William Parran 35, [———] Douglas 17, [———] Weems 6; Upper Battalion Western Shore quartermaster: I[saac] Griest unanimous; [July 4] for brigadier general: [John] Dent 37, J[oseph] Earle 11, [Henry] Hooper 1; for colonel (vice Dent): T[homas] Ewing 20, [———] Stone 14, [———] Earle 12, [———] Marshall 3. II, 90

D. 1 p.

Noted in *Convention Proc.* 174-176, 179, 190.

1776 Allen Quynn, Annapolis. **184**

June 28 Certificate of the qualification of John Johnson as Clerk to the Convention. II, 102

D.S. 1 p.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **185**

June 28] Order directing Major [Thomas] Price to march to the lower part of Somerset County, [Maryland] with whatever number of independent companies II, 152, 153 he thinks proper and with whatever militia may be considered necessary by the committee appointed by the Convention; he is to disarm all disaffected persons and take custody of those ordered by the committee.

Df.D. 2 pp. Several deletions and interlineations.
Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 175.

[1776
June 28]

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II, 154

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution appointing George Plater and John Hall a committee to visit Somerset County, [Maryland] and take the necessary measures to unite it with the other counties; they are to direct all disaffected persons to be disarmed and if they deem it proper to take them into custody and send them to the Council of Safety; the committee may make such regulations as may be needed to secure obedience to the resolves of the Convention and good order; Maj. [Thomas] Price and his troops are to be subject to the control of the committee.

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions.
Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 175.

[1776
June 28]

187
II, 151

[Convention of Maryland.]

Resolution directing that the previous instructions to the Deputies in Congress be recalled and the restrictions removed; the Deputies are authorized to concur with the other colonies in declaring "the united Colonies free and independent States," in forming a confederation between them, in making foreign alliances, and in adopting other measures for securing the liberties of America: provided the sole right of regulating the internal government and police of this Colony be reserved to the people thereof.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.
Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 176.

1776
June 29

188
VI, 64

Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Convention of Maryland.

As will be seen by enclosed resolutions, Congress has decided to add a "Battalion composed of Germans" to be raised in Maryland and Pennsylvania to the Continental Forces; to complete the Rifle Regiment at New York, Congress has determined that two companies be raised in Maryland and four in Virginia; Convention requested to appoint officers and to expedite raising of companies; note in the handwriting of Hancock states that he is enclosing the receipts of the Maryland Delegates for the five thousand dollars forwarded to them through him.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **182.**

[1776
June 29]

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II, 144

[Convention of Maryland.]

Resolution directing that the bills of credit issued by Congress or the Conventions of this Province be received by the Commissioners of the Loan Office in payment of interest.

Df.D. 1 p. Several words deleted.
Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 176.

[1776
June 29]

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II, 143

[Convention of Maryland.]

Resolution repealing the former resolutions empowering the Council of Safety to contract for a powder mill.

Df.D. 1 p.
Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 178.

[1776
June 29]

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II, 142

[Convention of Maryland.]

Resolution authorizing the Council of Safety to advance £5,000 to properly qualified persons for the purchase of firearms.

D. 1 p. Several words deleted.
Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 178.

[**1776** June 29] [Convention of Maryland.] **192** II, 141

Resolution authorizing the Council of Safety to fit out the muskets acquired by the militia and to furnish each private with a cartridge box containing 23 rounds, 6 flints, 1 blanket, 1 knapsack, a haversack, and a canteen, and to furnish the militias with provisions and baggage wagons on their march.

Df.D. 1 p. Several words deleted and interlined.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 179.

[**1776** June] "Strength of the *Fowie.*" **193** II, 106

Description of the *Fowey* and the vessels with her; Tim Cain is the pilot; "truce broke by Capt. [George] Montague."

D. 1 p.

[**1776** July 1] [Convention of Maryland.] **194** II, 140

Resolution, adopted upon reading the memorial of the Council of Safety, relative to fortifying the harbor of Annapolis by which it appears that cannon cannot be procured and that the sum appropriated is insufficient to carry out the projected plans, appropriating a sum not exceeding £10,000 for the defense of Annapolis in lieu of the sum heretofore appropriated.

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 180.

[**1776** July 1] [Convention of Maryland.] **195** II, 139

Resolution advancing £2,000 to Daniel and Samuel Hughes to encourage them "to prosecute their cannon foundry."

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 180.

[**1776** July 1] [Convention of Maryland.] **196** II, 96

Record of votes on the question that the Resolution passed on June 25 "for making all Militia Officers ineligible to any future Convention should be expunged"; carried in the affirmative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 181.

[**1776** July 1] [Convention of Maryland.] **197** II, 100a

Record of votes [on the question that if any militia officer be elected to the next Convention his commission shall become void]; carried in the negative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 181-182.

[**1776** July 3] [Convention of Maryland.] **198** II, 138

Resolution advancing £150 to Edward Parker of Cecil County who has delivered to the commissary of stores linen and thread worth £216 in repayment of a loan of £300 and now needs more money to purchase hemp, flax, and wool to carry on his "Manufactory."

Df.D. 1 p. Several words interlined.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 183.

[**1776** July 3] [Convention of Maryland.] **199** II, 160

Report of the committee to examine the facts stated in the petition of William Faris: the facts stated are true; Faris' neglect to enroll himself "proceeded from a dislike to the military officers in this City" [Annapolis] and his expectation of obtaining a commission in the artillery, not from a dislike of the common cause; Faris's firearms were taken away the second time because the Committee of Observation considered that Capt. James Brice had acted contrary to the resolve of the Convention in delivering them to him, the committee having no right to excuse him for failing to enroll in time.

D. Signed by Henry Griffith, Chairman. 1 p.

Noted in *Convention Proc.,* 183.

[1776 July 3] [Convention of Maryland.] **200** II, 137

Resolution, adopted upon reading the petition of William Faris of Annapolis and the report of the committee thereon, directing that Faris' firearms be returned to him and that he be considered as fully enrolled.

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 183.

[1776 July 3] [Convention of Maryland.] **201** II, 136

Resolution empowering the Council of Safety to fit out three vessels and no more than six armed boats for defense of the colony.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 184.

[1776 July 3] [Convention of Maryland.] **202** II, 135

Resolution authorizing the Council of Safety to pay the officers of the two companies of riflemen raised last summer the difference between the pay they were entitled to at the time and the pay established afterwards.

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 184.

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1776 July 3 Convention of Maryland. **203** II, 44, 54-58

Resolution directing that "a new Convention be elected for the express purpose of forming a new government"; four representatives are to be chosen for each county and for each district of Frederick County and two representatives each for Annapolis and Baltimore; all freemen over twenty-one owning 50 acres of land or having property worth £40 are to be eligible to vote for representatives, except in Annapolis where ownership of a lot or an estate of £20 is required; persons having served in a trade for five years or housekeepers are also eligible in Annapolis; the elections are to be conducted in the customary manner without regard to any act of Parliament; no armed person is to come to the election nor should the militia be mustered on that date; no officer or soldier in the regular forces of the continent or any colony is eligible to hold any civil office or to vote at any election; persons qualified to vote may be elected representatives; no disaffected person may vote; the county elections are to begin on August 1 and continue until finished; they are to be held at the courthouses except in Charles, at the house of Bennett Hanson Clements, in Cecil, at the head of Elk River, and in the districts of Frederick, at the places appointed by the July Convention; the elections at Annapolis and Baltimore are to be held on August 5; the judges of the election for the respective counties are to be as follows: St. Mary's: Abraham Barnes, Hugh Hopewell, Henry Tubman; Charles: George Dent, Samuel Hanson, Warren Dent; Calvert: Charles Graham, William Allnutt, Daniel Rawlings, Jr.; Prince George's: John Cooke, William Beanes, Nathaniel Magruder; Anne Arundel: John Weems, Thomas Watkins, Thomas Dorsey; Frederick Upper District: Noah Hart, Christian Orendorff, Eli Williams; Frederick Middle District: Christopher Edelen, William Luckett, Jr., David Shriver; Frederick Lower District: Jonathan Wilson, Zadock Magruder, William Luckett, Sr.; Baltimore: Andrew Buchanan, Thomas Gist, James Gittings; Harford: Amos Garrett, Thomas Johnson, William Webb; Cecil: Elihu Hall, Sr., William Rumsey, Thomas Savin; Kent: John Page, William Bordley, William Rogers; Queen Anne's: Thomas Ringgold, Jonathan Hall, Nathaniel Wright; Talbot: John Goldsborough, Henry Banning, William Perry; Caroline: Foster Goldsborough, Jeremiah Colston, John White; Dor-

chester: Bartholomew Ennalls, Daniel Sullivane, Henry Hooper; Somerset: Thomas Hayward, Andrew Francis Cheney, Thomas Bruff; Worcester: Benton Harris, John Selby, Thomas Martin; Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen are to be judges in Annapolis and James Calhoun, John Merryman, and William Aisquith in Baltimore Town; the judges of election and the clerks appointed by them are to take the oaths prescribed for them; the returns of the elections are to be sent to the Convention by the judges; nine persons are to be elected a Council of Safety to serve until the next Convention meets with the same powers as the present Council; on August 1 the present Convention is dissolved; the new one is to meet on August 12 and shall not continue beyond December 1; the persons residing on the lands recently acquired from Pennsylvania are accepted within the jurisdiction of Maryland and given equal rights with other residents.

"Extract from the minutes."

Df.D. Signed by G[abriel] Duvall, Clerk. 17 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Note. The sheets containing these resolutions are mounted incorrectly; the correct order is as follows: Nos. 56, 57, 54, 58, 58a, 55, 58b, 58c; No. 44 is an insert to 58b.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 184-189.

[1776 July 3] — **204** II, 128

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution directing the Sheriff of Baltimore County who has delivered certain lands recovered in the Provincial Court by Long's lessee against William Pellett and others to Robert Long, contrary to the order of the May Convention, to restore the said lands to William Pellett and others.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 189.

[1776 July 3] — **205** II, 108

Convention of Maryland.

The Convention has resolved "that a new Convention be elected for the express purpose of forming a new Government, *by the Authority of the people only"*; four representatives for each county and for each of the three districts of Frederick County are to be elected on August 1 and two representatives each for Annapolis and Baltimore Town are to be elected on August 5; all freemen over twenty-one owning 50 acres of land or having property worth £40 are eligible to vote in the counties and Baltimore Town; in Annapolis, the property requirement is reduced to a lot or £20; persons who have served in a trade for five years or who are housekeepers may also vote in Annapolis; the elections are to be held at the county courthouses except in Charles at the house of Bennett Hanson Clements, in Cecil at the Head of Elk River and in Frederick at the places appointed by the Convention of July 1775; persons qualified to vote are eligible to be elected; no person is to come armed to the election nor may any ten militia men vote in succession; judges of election have been appointed for each polling place; the representatives elected are to meet at Annapolis on August 12 and not continue beyond December 1.

D. 3 pp.

[1776 July 3?] — **206** II, 97

[Convention of Maryland.]

A motion was made and the question put that the inhabitants of Annapolis and Baltimore shall have the option of voting for members to represent their Counties or City or Town as they shall think proper; carried in the negative.

D. 1 p.

[1776 July 3?] — **207** II, 98

[Convention of Maryland.]

Record of votes on the question not indicated; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **208**

July 4] Resolution authorizing M[atthew] T[ilghman], T[homas] J[ohnson], and the other Deputies, who were duly elected by ballot, to represent the Province in Congress; Johnson being thus made ineligible for duty as Brigadier General, John Dent was elected in his place; Col. Thomas Ewing was elected Colonel of the Lower Battalion in Dent's place. II, 130

Df.D. 2 pp.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 189-190 with the names of all the Deputies listed.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **209**

July 4] Record of votes [on the question that the itinerant charges allowed each member be reduced from fourteen to ten shillings per day]; carried in the negative; most of the voters are listed by surname only. II, 95

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 190-191.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **210**

July 4] "Whereas the united colonies have been compelled to take up arms in defense of their rights and whereas several inhabitants of this colony have kept up a traitorous correspondence with the British endangering the safety of the colonies, therefore. . ." II, 134

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Preamble to **211.**

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 191.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **211**

July 4] Resolution directing that any inhabitant of the Colony convicted of levying war against the colonies or aiding the enemy shall suffer death, without benefit of clergy; such offences are to be given the same construction as in the Statute of Edward III, "commonly called the Statute of Treasons." II, 133

Df.D. 2 pp. Several words deleted and interlined.

For preamble see **210.**

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 191.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **212**

July 4] Resolution directing that any person convicted of counterfeiting shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy. II, 132

Df.D. 2 pp. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 191-192.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **213**

July 4] Resolution, adopted to settle the doubts which have arisen as to the rank of officers, directing that officers of the same rank shall take precedence according to the date of their commissions and if commissioned the same day according to the number of their companies. II, 131

Df.D. 1 p. Several lines crossed out.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 192.

1776 Receipt for order on Continental Congress. **214**

July 4 Acknowledges receipt of order for $5,000 for use of Maryland Council of Safety in recruiting from German companies. IV, 33

D. Signed: "Wm. Paca, J. Rogers, T. Stone"

Endorsed twice in a later hand: "This is a very valuable paper, showing who were the *three required* representatives of Maryland *present in Congress,* between the 1 and 4 July 1776, *who voted for Independence.* Brantz Mayer" and "The within paper should be preserved with great care as it's the best document possessed by the State showing who were the 3 representatives of Maryland *present in Congress at Philad.* on the 4th July 1776.

Brantz Mayer

21 Decr. 1865"

[1776 July 5] [Convention of Maryland.] **215** II, 129

Resolution authorizing Col. Henry Hollingsworth to make 200 gun barrels and Elisha Winters to mount and complete the same.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 192.

[1776 July 5] [Convention of Maryland.] **216** II, 93

Record of votes [on the question that all interest of monies shall cease during the time of general distress except on loans made within the past three months for which country produce shall be lawful tender]; carried in the negative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 193.

[1776 July 5] [Convention of Maryland.] **217** II, 127

Resolution directing the Committees of Observation to forbear acting against non-associators for not giving bond, the Convention having made more effectual provisions for the public security.

Df.D. 1 p. Writing faded.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 193.

[1776 July 5] Convention of Maryland. **218** II, 84

Report of the Committee "to receive proposals relative to the establishment of Manufactories": Michael Cocendofer [Cochinderfer] of Frederick County proposes to carry on a stocking manufactory on being advanced £300 without interest to be repaid in 15 months in money or merchantable stockings at such rates as Convention or Council of Safety shall determine; John MacFaddon of Baltimore County proposes to carry on a linen manufactory and erect a bleaching mill which he has nearly completed and to enable him to extend his works he prays an advance of from £300 to £500 for ten months without interest to be repaid in money or brown or bleached linen; William Hannah and William King of Baltimore County apply for loan of £300 without interest for carrying on linen, woolen, and cotton manufactories to be paid in money or cloth; Robert Riddle of Baltimore County applies for loan of £1,000 without interest to carry on a linen manufactory and bleaching field to be repaid in money or linen; Committee believes "aforegoing manufactories" would be of great advantage to the Colony.

D. Signed by John Johnson, Clerk. 2 pp.

Noted in *Convention Proc.*, 194.

[1776 July 5] [Convention of Maryland.] **219** II, 126

Resolution directing that the balance of the money taken out of the Loan Office for repairing roads in Anne Arundel County be paid by the supervisors into the Loan Office; whatever else remains is to be applied to the county charges.

Df.D. 1 p. Several words deleted.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 194.

[1776 July 5] Convention of Maryland. **220** II, 161

Report of the committee "to receive proposals relative to manufactures of all kinds"; Thomas Ringgold desires to establish a linen, woolen, and cotton manufactory in Chester Town, [Maryland] and solicits a loan of £500 to be repaid in cash or goods; he proposes to send northward for workmen and machinery; the committee recommends that the proposition be accepted.

D. Signed by John Johnson, Clerk. 1 p.

Noted in *Convention Proc.*, 194.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **221**

July 5] Resolution empowering the Council of Safety to lend Robert Wood of Frederick County three hundred pounds for erecting "a sheeting and slitting mill." II, 125

Df.D. 1 p. Several words interlined.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 195.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **222**

July 5] Record of votes [on the question that all rents be payable in country produce]; carried in the negative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only. II, 94

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 195.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **223**

July 5] Resolution directing that no claim against this colony be received unless it has been properly proved or certified. II, 124

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 195-196.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **224**

July 5] Resolution directing that all interest now due, except on Loan Office bonds, may be paid in corn, wheat, tobacco, flour, hemp, or cotton at such prices as may be agreed upon or as may be set by the Committee of Observation where the debtor resides. II, 123

Df. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 196-197.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **225**

July 5] Resolution for the relief of farmers and planters who are in debt, but who have not been able to pay the interest due because there has been no market for their products since September 10, 1775, directing that all interest accruing on private debts between September 10, 1775 and July 10, 1777 may be paid in wheat, linen, or other products. II, 122

Df.D. 1 p. Several words inserted.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 197-198.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **226**

July 6] Resolution exempting ship carpenters employed in building vessels from militia duty. II, 121

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 198.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **227**

July 6] Resolution empowering the Council of Safety to fill any vacancy in the militia raised for the flying camp and appointing [Thomas] Contee, [Rezin(?)] Beall and [Walter] Tolley a committee to examine the accounts of the commissioners of the loan office and report to the Council of Safety, which is directed to have the monies and records packed in chests and removed if necessary. II, 120

Df.D. 1 p. Several words inserted.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 198.

[1776 July 6] **228** II, 119

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution, adopted upon reading the memorial of Jacob Brice, directing that a commission issue to him as Adjutant to the Battalion of regular forces; "On Reading the petition of the Society of Menonists & German Baptists Resolved That the several Committees of observation" may extend the time for payment or remit fines imposed for not enrolling in the militia; the committees requested "to make a Difference between such persons as may refuse from religious principles or other Motives."

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 198-199.

[1776 July 6] **229** II, 118

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution directing the committee of accounts to examine the accounts of monies due to or from the colony during the recess of the Convention and transmit them to the Council of Safety for payment; Thomas Contee added to the committee.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 199.

[1776 July 6] **230** II, 86

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution, adopted upon considering the resolves of the Virginia Convention of May 31, stating that the Convention cannot but believe that the said resolutions were hastily made and betray a disposition to interfere in the affairs of Maryland and might have proved injurious to the general interest of America; the Convention has never interfered in the affairs of Virginia, but has always shown respect to its Convention and cannot be of the opinion that Virginia Convention believes this Convention promoted Gov. [Robert] Eden's passage to England "to assist in its destruction under a pretence of his retiring to England"; the Convention and the Council of Safety are the only adequate judges of the propriety of permitting Gov. Eden to depart; if the Virginia Convention possessed all the evidence, it would understand why the Council of Safety declined to seize Gov. Eden and why the Convention permitted him to depart; the address of the Convention to Gov. Eden cannot be considered as enabling him to assume the character of a public agent nor can it discover how it would enable him to promote disunion among the colonies; it was presented merely as a testimony due to him for his impartial presentation of the views of this Colony; the Convention considers the imputations that its proceedings were due "to some undue Influence of Governor Eden under the Mask of Friendship to America, and of the Proprietary Interest in Maryland" as groundless and unjust, nor can it discover how its vote for his departure could have any evil tendencies to the common cause or to Virginia; as the Virginia Convention has appealed to the people of Maryland against their Convention, it has become the indispensable duty of this Convention to vindicate its proceedings.

Df.D. 3 pp.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 199-201.

[1776 July 6] **231** II, 91

[Convention of Maryland.]

Record of votes on the question that, in the Resolutions relating to the Resolution of the Convention of Virginia, "the Words, *and do,* in the last Resolve, between the Word *did* and the Word *approve* be struck out"; determined in the affirmative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 201.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **232**
July 6] "A Declaration of the Delegates of Maryland": the people of this Colony have always considered it their right to regulate their internal government; the British Parliament has lately claimed complete control and for ten years has pursued "a studied System of oppression": passing acts for raising revenue, depriving the colonists of trial by jury, altering the constitution of one colony, interfering with trade and fishing rights, establishing an arbitrary government in Quebec, confiscating property taken on the seas and impressing crews and declaring all these acts legal and just; an unjust war has been commenced and is being cruelly prosecuted against a people guilty of no crime except attempting to secure their property and liberties; their petitions have been scorned and "the unrelenting monarch of Britain" has avowed his resolution of "reducing these Colonies to abject Slavery"; compelled by such circumstances, the Delegates declare the King has violated his compact with the people and that they owe no allegiance to him; they have empowered their Deputies in Congress to join with the other colonies in declaring themselves independent states and in forming a stronger confederation, making foreign alliances and adopting other necessary measures, provided the right of internal government of this Colony shall be reserved to people thereof; they have also called a new Convention for establishing a government of this Colony; no desire for independence led to this decision, but only the wish to maintain inviolate their liberties; virtuous citizens are exhorted to join in defense of their common rights. III, 1

Df.D. 3 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 201-203.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **233**
July 6] The President laid before the Convention several letters and resolutions of Congress. II, 116

Df.D. 1 p. Several words interlined.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 203.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **234**
July 6] Order directing Col. [William] Smallwood and his battalion and the independent companies in Talbot, Kent, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's counties to proceed to Philadelphia and there be subject to the orders of Congress; vessels are to be procured to transport the troops from the Western Shore to the Head of Elk, [Maryland]; the Council of Safety is to take appropriate measures to supply the troops; these troops are to be deducted from the number of militia required of Maryland by Congress for the flying camp; copies of the letter from Congress of July 4 and the above resolutions are to be transmitted to the committees in each county requesting them to assist the Council of Safety in replacing the troops that have gone to Philadelphia with militia companies. II, 115

Df.D. 4 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 203-204.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **235**
July 6] Resolution requesting the continental officer commanding the flying camp to separate the regulars from the militia in order to prevent discontent about rank. II, 117

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 204.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **236**
July 6] Resolution directing that a company of riflemen be raised in Harford County and another in Frederick County and that two companies of Germans be raised in Baltimore County and two more in Frederick County in accordance with the requisitions of Congress in its resolutions of June 27; the Committees of Observation of the said counties are to recommend the officers of the com- II, 110

panies, except that Lemuel Barrett is to be captain of the Frederick rifle company; each of the companies is to consist of one captain, three lieutenants (or in the case of the Germans, two lieutenants and one ensign), four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer and seventy-six privates.

Df.D. 1 p. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 204-205.

[1776 July 6] Convention of Maryland. **237** II, 85

The Committee "to Examine and price the linen brought in by Edward Parker" reports that he has brought in 611 yards at 3s. 6d. per yard and 427¼ yards at 2s. 3d. per yard.

D. Signed by Thomas Contee, Chairman. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 205.

[1776 July 6] Convention of Maryland. **238** II, 114

Resolution authorizing the Committee of Observation for Kent County, in which a field officer is lacking, to appoint a militia commissioned officer in that county with full power to muster and pass such companies as may be raised there for the flying camp, as required by a former resolution of the Convention.

Df.D. 1 p. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 205.

[1776 July 6] Convention of Maryland. **239** II, 113

Resolution requiring the commissioners for establishing a gun-lock manufactory in Frederick Town to give a full report of their proceedings to the next Convention.

Df.D. 1 p. Several words deleted.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 205.

[1776 July 6] Convention of Maryland. **240** II, 112

Resolution referring all petitions, applications, and other unfinished business to the next session.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 205-206.

[1776 July 6] [Convention of Maryland.] **241** II, 111

Resolution directing that a bounty of one shilling be paid for every bushel of salt imported and delivered above Point Lookout before March 1 next; price is not to exceed 7s. 6d. per bushel.

Df.D. 1 p. Several words interlined.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 206.

[1776 July 6] Convention of Maryland. **242** II, 109

Resolution directing the Council of Safety to advertise the proposals by Charles Wallace and ask for other proposals for the delivery of salt by July 20; the Council of Safety is to accept the best bid.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 206.

[1776 July 10?] Goddard's Renunciation. **243** III, 43b

"I, William Goddard, do hereby Acknowledge that by Publishing Certain Queries, Political and Military in the Maryland Journal of the 5th July I have Transgressed, against truth, Justice and my duty as a good Citizen and in reparation, I do humbly beg his Excellency Genl. Washington's Pardon and hope the good people of this town will excuse my having Published therein a piece so Replete with Nonsense and the Malevolence of a disappointed Man."

Copy.

D. On the same sheet with **149, 156.**

1776
July 13

Hanson, John, Jr., and H. [———] Griffith, Adam Fischer, Michael Tackler, [(?)]. To Council of Safety.

244
X, 26

Enclose names of officers for two German companies; Capt. Lemuel Barrett may refuse appointment; if so, Thomas Beall, son of Col. Samuel Beall, is "a Gentleman well qualified to fill that Station."

L. Signed: "John Hanson jr., H. Griffith, Adam Fischer, Michael Tackler."
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 42.

1776
July 13

Hindman, James, Oxford, [Maryland]. To Committee of Safety.

245
X, 25

Somerset Committee of Safety had given him 3 prisoners; he delivered them to Talbot County; militia in Talbot has sent prisoners back; he has sent boat to Annapolis with prisoners; early on July 14th he goes to Head of Elk, [Maryland] and thence to Philadelphia.

A.L.S. 2 pp.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 43.

1776
July 13

Page, John, Williamsburg, [Virginia]. To [Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis].

246
X, 16

Gwyn's Island, [Virginia(?)] has been abandoned by British fleet; the *Dunmore* "near burnt" after enemy left the island; next step is said to be Eastern Shore of Maryland; congratulates Americans in repulsing Sir Peter Parker in South Carolina.

A.L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 41.

1776
July 13

Weston, John, Kingsbury Furnace, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety.

247
X, 22

Furnace is "out of blast"; water is lacking; guns cannot be made now; Capt. Charles Ridgely has a furnace now active.

A.L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 44.

1776
July 13

Barnes, Richard, St. Inigoes, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety.

248
X, 24

Vessels were seen July 12th between Smith's Point and Point Lookout; 40 sail were "about twenty five miles" off the Point; by morning 18 more were opposite Smith's Creek; from the enemy fleet came 5 men, 3 of them with smallpox; Gov. Robert Eden was said to be on board the *Foey;* 200 or 300 militia are stationed along the way; "much Tiard," or would give further detail; Hugh Hopewell will hire messenger for this.

A.L.S. 2 pp. Enclosed in **250.**
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 43-44.

1776
July 14

Hanson, John, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, [Annapolis].

249
X, 19

Arming recruits is now done by poor method; no purchase of arms from public is authorized; unless provision is made to buy up arms, the number trained in Frederick will be small.

A.L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 45-46.

1776
July 14

Somervile, Alexander, Calvert County, [Maryland]. To [Council of Safety].

250
X, 23

40 vessels were seen by Capt [Rezin(?)] Beall on July 9; Col. [———] Marshall was absent; 6 upper companies were held in readiness; some of rest went to Drum Point at 4 p.m.; Hugh Hopewell, Jr. heard firing on the Potomac; Col. [Richard] Barnes asked for help; Capt. Beall took all but 60 men off; the tender of the enemy's ship is near St. Mary's River; landing on St. George's Island [Maryland] may be made; postscripts state messenger will be at "late Capt. Carroll's Dwelling" on July 11; what number of militia and officers are to be on duty?

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **248.**
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 44-45.

1776 July 15 Barrett, Lemuel, Skipton, [Maryland]. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **251** X, 20

Applies for 800 weight of lead "to Answer the Powder Received"; there is no lead in the district.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1776 July 20 Eden, Robert, *Roebuck*. To Daniel Wolstenholme, [———]. **252** I, 9

Letter of July 19 is acknowledged; Commodore [———] Hammond will send a flag of truce on July 22 or July 23; the *Victualler* has been placed at disposal of Eden and Wolstenholme can share vessel; "Dr. [Benjamin] Scott and four other Gentlemen, besides myself, take this opportunity of going to England."

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 87.

1776 July 22 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety. **253** IV, 34

[Thomas] Ringgold says Gen. [John] Dent is collecting militia for an attack; arms may be insufficient for the purpose; men may be recruited to assist but leaving their neighborhoods "unhappily full of negroes" makes some reluctant to enlist; the Johnson furnaces are not in production but 60 kettles could be furnished with balls; within a fortnight the furnaces could be "into Blast"; guns at £40 per ton could be furnished; "if any Body also will contract for a Certainty, I wish he should be preferred even at a greater price."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 92.

1776 July 22 Stone, Thomas, and William Paca, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety]. **254** IV, 35

Congress has granted $5,000 to Maryland to raise 4 German companies; the dollars will be exchanged for "Maryland Convention money"; account is inclosed; [Daniel] Hughes changed the money; Lt. Col. [George] Stricker has been appointed to the German battalions; he is now in Frederick County, [Maryland] where $1,520 should be sent for expenses; Col. [Francis] Ware and Maj. [Mordecai] Gist have been given £82 10s.; postscript says mention of $2,000 in a previous letter was a mistake.

L.S. Illegible in part. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 93-94 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 24.

1776 July 23 Chase, Samuel and Thomas Stone, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **255** IV, 36

Acknowledge letter of July 19; letters of Cols. [Richard] Barnes and [Jeremiah] Jordan were not sent; Capts. [John Allen] Thomas and James Hindman should go to "flying camp"; Gen. Washington has only 5,000 troops; men without arms are useless; inclosed are terms obtained from expert in refining sulphur; no news has come yet of [Richard], Lord Howe's fleet.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 105-106.

1776 July 23 Johnson, Thomas Jr., Fred[erick] Town, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety. **256** V, 45

Recommends [Jonathan] Morris to fill position in Capt. [Henry] Hardman's Company of Militia of Lt. Peter Hanson, who has been named Lieutenant of the Company of Riflemen being raised in [Frederick County]; Morris is a "fine lively young fellow."

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 108-109.

1776 July 24 Stone, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **257** IV, 37

40 barrels of powder and 54 stand of arms are being sent; each wagoner will get £12; goods will leave Egg Harbor, [New Jersey]; Harrison & van Bebber

have a 10% of gross sale; guards will watch powder and arms at 5s. a day; "Nothing since ours by post."

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 110.

1776 July 27 Carroll, Charles, [Barrister], "Mount Clare," [Maryland]. To Council of Safety. **258** X, 21

Recommends [James] Allcock of Baltimore as capable engineer; at Whetstone, [Maryland] Capt. [Nathaniel] Smith has 5 18 lb. cannon; these should go to Annapolis.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 130-131.

1776 July 27 Wolstenholme, Daniel, [———]. To Gov. [Robert] Eden. **259** I, 8

Letter sent by Lt. [———] Sandys received; thanks should be given Commodore [———] Hammond "in sending for me a Flag of Truce"; embarkation is forbidden until "the pleasure of the Council of Safety should be Known"; wishes Eden "a pleasant Passage."

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 139-140.

1776 July 30 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety of Maryland]. **260** IV, 38

Encloses letter from Col. [George] Stricker, just received; enlistment into the German battalion is longer than that for the Flying Camp; arms and blankets are also necessary; to avoid "great Extravagance" limits should be placed on subsistence rations; on July 27, it is reported, [William], Lord Howe's fleet arrived at the Hook, [New Jersey].

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 147-148.

1776 July 30 Stone, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **261** IV, 39

Instruments desired by Maryland may be delayed as "cutlers" have gone to [New] Jersey with the militia; both powder and arms have been sent; Maryland must help "that our Coast will be secured against the Ravages of [John, Lord] Dunmore and his rascally Gang of Pirates"; enemy is still on Staten Island, [New York], 8 ships having joined them there; Washington has strength in New York but only 3,000 men in [New] Jersey; Col. [William] Smallwood is also in New York; hunting shirts would make good uniforms; postscript states that his "brothers" are too busy to sign.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 146-147.

1776 Aug. 2 Hayward, Thomas, A[ndrew] F[rancis] Cheney and Thomas Bruff, Princess Anne, [Maryland]. To Convention of Maryland. **262** II, 61

Report the election of Gustavus Scott, George Scott, William Horsey, and Henry Lowes as Representatives for Somerset County at the Convention to be held August 12.

D. Signed by judges of election above. 1 p.

1776 Aug. 6 Peters, Richard, Secretary, War Office, Philadelphia. To Committee of Safety of Maryland. **263** IV, 41

Notice of Congressional resolve to require all committees of counties, towns, or districts to report prisoners of war; postscript asks for list of officers "of any Continental Troops raised in your State."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 34-40.

1776
Aug. 13

Stone, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety.

Pleased that [John, Lord] Dunmore's fleet has left the Chesapeake; Capt. [John?] Thomas' company has arrived; hopes to see Capt. [Charles] Griffith shortly; difficulties of recruitment for Flying Camp are appreciated; 15,000 British troops are now on Staten Island, [New York]; Washington moved 2,000 men from [New] Jersey to York, [Pennsylvania]; is leaving Philadelphia on August 20.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 199-200.

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IV, 40

[**1776**
Aug. 15]

[Convention of Maryland.]

Record of votes [on the question that the name of the gentleman making a motion be inserted in the entry made in consequence thereof]; carried in the affirmative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 212-213.

265
II, 67

[**1776**
Aug. 15]

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution, adopted at the motion of S[amuel] Chase upon reading a letter from William Rogers, William Bordley and John Page, judges of election for Kent County, setting forth that they were prevented from carrying on the election by persons not qualified to vote, directing the election to be continued on August 22 and requiring "all friends to America" to assist the judges if necessary.

Df.D. 1 p. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 213.

266
II, 66

[**1776**
Aug. 15]

[Convention of Maryland.]

Record of votes [on the resolution regarding the election in Kent County]; carried in the affirmative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 213-214.

267
II, 70

[**1776**
Aug. 15]

[Convention of Maryland.]

On reading the report of the Committee on elections, [William] Paca moved "that the Delegates for Charles County are duly elected"; resolved in the affirmative.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 214.

268
II, 65

[**1776**
Aug. 15]

[Convention of Maryland.]

Record of votes [on the question that the Delegates of Charles County were duly elected]; carried in the affirmative; most of the members voting are listed by surname only.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 214.

269
II, 69

[**1776**
Aug. 15]

[Convention of Maryland.]

Record of votes [on the motion that the election for Prince George's County is void and that another election be held]; carried in the affirmative; most of the members voting are listed merely by a single initial.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 214-215.

270
II, 68

[**1776**
Aug. 15]

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution, adopted upon reading the report of the committee of elections, declaring the election for the Lower District of Frederick County void; an

271
II, 64

election is to be held on August 22 agreeable to the resolves of the last Convention; the members returned are discharged from further attendance.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 215.

[1776 Aug. 15] **272** II, 63

[Convention of Maryland.]

Order directing the four independent companies to "proceed to Elizabeth Town in the Jerseys" and put themselves under the command of Col. [William] Smallwood; the Council of Safety is to take measures to expedite the march and to supply carriages and provisions for it; the said companies are to be deducted from the quota required by Congress for the Flying Camp.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 215.

[1776 Aug. 15] **273** II, 62

[Convention of Maryland.]

Resolution, adopted upon reading a remonstrance from the judges appointed to hold an election of Delegates for Worcester County, reporting that the Delegates attending were elected contrary to the resolves of the last Convention, declaring the said election null and void and discharging the Delegates from further attendance; another election is to be held on August 27 at the courthouse.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 216.

[1776 Aug. 15] **274** II, 78

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution requiring "all Friends to America" and to good order to assist, if necessary, the judges of the election of Delegates for Worcester County in the discharge of their duty.

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 216.

[1776 Aug. 15] **275** II, 79

Convention of Maryland.

Resolution declaring the hours for sitting to be from nine to one and three to six and ordering that the following rules be observed this session: no member shall make reviling speeches or address any member by his proper name; no one shall speak unless he stand up and direct his speech to the president; no member shall speak more than once in any debate without permission of the house and if two members rise together, the president shall decide which shall speak first; no weapons shall be brought into the Convention; any member absent without excuse from president shall be fined; all misdemeanors in the House shall be censured or fined in the House; any member departing without leave shall forfeit the allowances due him; no question shall be determined on the day it is debated if any three members desire postponement; no question shall be determined (except for adjournment) unless 45 members be present; Rev. [Thomas] Landrum is to be asked to read prayers in the morning and Mr. [William] Paca is to wait on him for that purpose.

Df.D. 2 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.,* 216-217.

[After **1776** Aug. 29] **276** I, 36

Deposition. James Reid, Annapolis.

William Gordon, who had to serve a writ on Robert Ridge for William Nevin, reported to Reid that Nevin was in correspondence with [John], Lord Dunmore; Nevin planned, said Ridge, to show Dunmore how to land safely at Annapolis; he [Ridge] "Knew something further of Nevin which he won't discover . . ."

D.S. 1 p.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **277**
Sept. 3 Resolution ordering three more battalions from Virginia to New York; VI, 57
two North Carolina battalions are to march to New York under the command of Brig. Gen. [James] Moore; the states north of Virginia should send all possible aid to New York; one of the Continental battalions in Rhode Island is to march to New York and be replaced by a battalion of militia from Massachusetts.

D. Signed by John Hancock. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 733-734.

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Convention of Maryland. **278**
Sept. 3 The enemy has collected its whole force for a powerful attack on New York VI, 56
and it is incumbent on the United States to take every measure to defeat them; Congress has just learned from Gen. Washington of the superior strength of the enemy and only the most vigorous exertions will remedy the situation; all possible aid must be sent to the army in New York; "the state of our affairs is so extremely critical that Delay may be attended with fatal Consequences."

L.S. 3 pp.

1776 Convention of Maryland. **279**
Sept. 10 Resolution requesting the commanding officers of the militia in Prince III, 21, 21b
George's, Frederick, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties to call their battalions together as soon as possible and select from one to three volunteer companies to be composed as prescribed and armed; a bounty of three pounds and one month's pay is to be advanced to each soldier; the field officers or the committees of observation of the counties are to recommend the commissioned officers to the Convention or Council of Safety, who are to form the companies of volunteers into battalions and appoint field officers for them; the Council of Safety is to furnish carriages and provisions and take every possible measure to expedite their march; companies volunteering as a unit may serve under their present officers; a warrant is to be issued to Capt. Andrew Hines of Frederick County to enroll a company for the flying camp; the committees of observation, committees of correspondence, and committees for licensing suits are to continue to act until December 1.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by G[abriel] Duvall. 4 pp. Endorsed: "Resolutions to raise two Bat. to reinforce the Army at New York."

Note. III, 21b is an insert belonging in III, 21.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 249-250.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **280**
Sept. 16 Resolution ordering that 88 battalions be enlisted as soon as possible and VI, 54
establishing the quota for each state; a bounty of twenty dollars is to be given to each soldier and Congress is to provide for granting lands to officers and soldiers in the proportions listed; the states are to appoint all except general officers and all are to be commissioned by Congress; each state is to provide "Arms, Clothing and every necessary for its Quota of Troops."

Broadside.

D. Name of John Hancock appended. 1 p. Enclosed in **285.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, V, 762-763.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **281**
Sept. 18 Resolution providing that rations received in money be paid at the rate VI, 54a
of "eight ninetieths Parts of a Dollar for Ration"; the bounty and grants of land offered by the Resolution of September 16 shall extend to all soldiers who enlist for the duration of the war; no officer in the Continental Army may hold more than one commission or receive pay but in one capacity.

Broadside.

D. Name of John Hancock appended. 1 p. Enclosed in **285.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, V, 780, 781-782.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **282**
Sept. 19 Resolution providing that adjutants be allowed the pay and rations of VI, 54b
captains and have the rank of first lieutenants; Congress will not grant lands to any person claiming under an assignment of an officer or soldier.
Broadside.
D. Name of John Hancock appended. 1 p. Enclosed in **285.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, V, 787, 788, second part appears under date of September 20.

1776 [Johnson, Thomas], Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **283**
Sept. 20 Encloses letter from [Richard(?)] Harrison, also lading bill for 74 casks IV, 42
of gunpowder (3,700 lbs.); the powder was consigned to Willing & Morris on the *Nancy* (Capt. [———] Gwinn); [Jesse] Hollingsworth will forward it to Maryland; charges are in dispute.
A.L. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 291.

1776 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone, Phila- **284**
Sept. 20 delphia. To Council of Safety. IV, 91
Capt. [Thomas] Watkins will report to Council only 37 effectives in his company; desertions are due to lack of clothing and blankets; Lt. [Solomon(?)] Long has gone to Worcester County to induce deserters to return; Capt. [John Allen(?)] Thomas reports that sick soldiers have no proper care; Dr. [———] Bond has tried to get a suitable person for the Independent companies but without success; Gen. Washington's report of September 18 indicates 100 British killed in skirmish on September 16; Maj. [———] Leach of Virginia was wounded; [William] Richardson's and [Charles Greenbury] Griffith's battalions were in the action; general attack was later made on Washington's lines; Col. Richardson reports Capt. Watkins "addicted to Drink."
L.S. 2 pp.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 291-292.

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Convention of Maryland. **285**
Sept. 24 As indicated by enclosed resolves, Congress has determined to "augment VI, 53
our Army" and to engage troops "during the Continuence of the war"; besides a bounty of $20, 100 acres of land is to be given each soldier; the ill effects of short enlistments are "too obvious to be mentioned"; "the Fall of the late Gen. [Richard] Montgomery before Quebeck is undoubtedly to be ascribed to the limited Time, for which the Troops were engaged"; it is impossible to have "a well-disciplined Army, unless our Troops are engaged to serve dureing the War," therefore "your Quota of the American Army" must be raised promptly; troops now in service will be considered as part of quota; also encloses articles of war just published by Congress.
L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **280-282.**

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **286**
Oct. 1 Resolution requesting that the states take measures to secure a full represen- VI, 52
tation in Congress as "Business of much Importance to America" must be considered.
D. Signed by John Hancock. 1 p. Enclosed in **288.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, V, 837.

1776 Morris, Robert, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **287**
Oct. 1 "Publick Bodys" take offense easily; the Maryland Council of Safety re- IV, 43
sented refusal of 14 pieces of canvas, thinking 2,000 pieces were on hand; actually

seizure of canvas by Marine Committee comprised but 600 pieces; all light duck had been sent Gen. Washington for tents; as a result "We have now a parcell of five Vessells lying here useless at a time they might have been most advantageously employed"; Council will always "command our utmost Aid . . . when it can possibly be extended."

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 314 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 109.

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To [Convention of Maryland]. **288**

Oct. 2 Congress being engaged in matters of utmost importance, it is necessary that there be a full representation from the several states; therefore immediate compliance to enclosed resolve is requested. VI, 51

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **286.**

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **289**

Oct. 5] Report of the "Committee for receiving proposals for Manufactories": Jacob Myres of Frederick County proposes to undertake the manufacture of wire of all sizes and to complete a "wire Works" within six months provided the sum of £300 is advanced him out of the public Treasury; he will repay the loan in wire at prices acceptable to the Convention; the committee recommends the proposal be accepted. III, 21a

D. 1 p.

Noted in *Convention Proc.*, 266.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **290**

Oct. 8-
Nov. 8] Minutes of Committee of the whole regarding changes in articles 2-6, 10-11, 16, 19-20, 23, 29-33, 35-38, 41, 44 of the Declaration of Rights; [Brice Thomas Beale] Worthington in the Chair. II, 34

D. 2 pp.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **291**

Oct. 8-
Nov. 8] Minutes of committee of the whole regarding changes in the Constitution; T[urbutt] Wright in the Chair. II, 46

D. 2 pp. Numerous interlineations.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **292**

Oct. 8-
Nov. 8] Minutes of committee of the whole regarding changes in the Constitution. II, 48

D. 1 p.

Signature of "S[amuel] Chase" on margin.

1776 Convention of Maryland. **293**

Oct. 9 Resolution, based on the report of the Committee to whom were referred the Resolutions of Congress of September 16, 18 and 19, declaring the eight battalions required by Congress exceed the just quota of Maryland, because it is based on a total of white and black inhabitants of both sexes and all ages instead of white males; Maryland should not comply with the proposed terms for granting lands to soldiers because it does not own such lands; being desirous of supporting the United States, the State will attempt to raise eight battalions including troops already in service; a bounty of ten dollars will be given to men enlisting in lieu of land; a committee is to be appointed to go to the camps in the Jerseys and New York and make lists of officers and soldiers willing to serve for the war; it is also to report on the condition of the State troops; the committee is to be provided with money for bounty payments; Council of Safety in recess of the Convention is to be empowered to issue warrants of enlistment and to commission the officers necessary to make up the eight battalions; the enrolling officers for flying camps are to return lists of men enrolled and discontinue further enrollment. II, 74

Df.D. 3 pp. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 272, 273.

[1776 [Convention of Maryland.] **294**
Oct. 9] Insert to the resolutions respecting the commissioners for enlisting such officers and men in the regular troops and flying camp from Maryland, now in the service of the United States, as are willing to serve during the war and to form them into battalions; the commissioners are also to fill up such of the blank commissions sent to the Convention by Congress as are needed for officering the battalions; in doing so they are to leave some vacancies so that cadets of merit may be provided for. II, 71

Df.D. 1 p.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 272-273.

[1776 Convention of Maryland. **295**
Oct. 12] Report of the committee to investigate the petition of the Sheriffs of Frederick County: the petitioners wish to give no further trouble on the part relating to amerciaments, but some inhabitants have refused to pay their public levies until such payment is recommended by Convention. II, 75

D. Signed by Samuel Beall, Chairman. 1 p.

Noted in *Convention Proc.*, 277.

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Convention of Maryland. **296**
Oct. 12 By direction of Congress encloses resolutions relating to the provision made for the support of officers and soldiers serving during the war; pay of officers increased and soldiers to receive annually a complete suit of clothes or $20; this in addition to $20 and 100 acres of land formerly granted should be adequate inducement; requests that committee be appointed to visit Army and enlist soldiers for duration; Congress for obvious reasons is anxious to keep the Army together; calls immediate attention to enclosed printed resolves relative to the establishing of loan offices in the states. VI, 48

L.S. 3 pp.

1776 Smallwood, Gen. William, "Camp of the Maryland Regulars," [———]. **297**
Oct. 12-13 To Mathew Tilghman, Annapolis. IV, 19b

Delay in report is occasioned by time used in procuring baggage wagons, provisions, and "House Room" for 750 men; on arrival corps had to serve at advanced posts; skirmish at "Long Shot," [New York] occurred with little suffering on either side; on August 26 Col. [William] Haslet and Lt. Col. [Gunning] Bedford of the Delaware battalions and Lt. Col. [Francis] Ware and Gen. Smallwood served at trial of Lt. Col. [Harman] Sedwitz; Gen. Washington thought no other field officers were available; [William Alexander], Lord Stirling was attacked by two brigades under Gens. [Charles] Cornwallis and [James] Grant; Col. [Josiah] Ward of the New England troops took his troops over the bridge and then burned it, cutting off retreat for all other troops; only retreat was across a marsh and some soldiers were drowned; Capt. [John] Thomas's men were instrumental in rescue; 256 officers were killed or missing; on August 28 it was rumored the enemy would attack in the rain; on the 29th retreat was decided on and Maryland troops, without respite of duty, had to go to Ft. Putnam, [New York]; "next Station was at Harlaem, [New York]" 9 miles above; Connecticut troops showed baseness in flight before fire was heavy; Gens. Washington, [Israel] Putnam, [William] Mifflin could not force them "to stand one Shot"; on October 9, 3 British men-of-war went up North River, cutting off travel by water to Albany, [New York]; 6,000 enemy troops landed at Frog's Point, [New York] and must be met by Maryland troops at Kingsbridge, [New York]; general return is enclosed, also one for [———] Veazey's company; Majs. [Thomas] Price and [Mordecai] Gist are "very Sick" in New Jersey; postscript says letter is copy signed in Gen. Smallwood's name by Christopher Richmond.

Copy.

L. Postscript signed: "Chrisr Richmond." Illegible at folds and margins. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 338-343.

1776 Oct. 24 Rumsey, Benjamin, Philadelphia. To James Tilghman, [Annapolis]. **298** IV, 44

He arrived October 19 and other Maryland delegates October 21; placed Resolves before Congress on October 22; the Maryland plan to substitute $10 for 100 acres of land was declared by Congress one which "would break the Back of all North America"; Maryland thinks "ten Dollars now" better than "trust to the Mercy of a few Venders" who would raise prices; Maryland has no land; [John] Dickinson, [Thomas] McKean, [James] Wilson, [Benjamin] Rush represent the "Aristocraticks"; Ens. Valentine Creager, Philip Smith, Lt. George Need, Ens. John Perkinson are officers of Frederick County flying camp; roll sent Maj. [Daniel of St. Thomas] Jenifer was dated Sept. 19, 1776; commissions are still lacking although [Adam] Fisher, Col. [John] Stull and [Thomas] Stone have been asked; enlisted men of camp are leaving for other regiments; Gabriel Duvall had said commissions were in Philadelphia; John Hancock said they were in Maryland; 4 German companies formed in Maryland complain of 5 German companies from Pennsylvania; [William] Smallwood is a brigadier; postscript mentions that militia from [New] Jersey "have so frightened the Common People that none will enlist."

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 397-400.

1776 Oct. 26 Peters, Richard, Secretary, War Office, [Philadelphia]. To Council of Safety. **299** IV, 45

Answering letter of October 18 at direction of War Board, he directs rifle company to go equipped to Philadelphia; blankets cannot be procured there; there are already too many riflemen; muskets cannot be supplied by the Congress.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 404-405.

[1776 Oct. 28] Convention of Maryland. **300** II, 76

Committee to inquire into number of troops raised under Resolves of July 6 and money expended report: Committees of Observation for Harford, Baltimore, and Frederick counties have recommended officers for the several companies; rifle company and four companies of Germans for Frederick and Baltimore counties have marched to destination; company of riflemen for Harford not yet complete; account given of monies advanced to Col. George Stricker, Maj. Ludowick Wiltner, Captains William Heiser, Henry Fister, Philip Graybill and William Keyports of the German Battalion, to Capt. Thomas Beall of the Rifle Company of Frederick County and to Capt. [———] Smith of the Rifle Company of Harford County; Graybill, Keyports, and Smith have rendered no account of expenditures.

D. Signed by John Stull, Chairman. 2 pp.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 288-290.

[1776 Oct. 29-30] [Convention of Maryland.] **301** III, 5

The claim in the Constitution of Virginia which is injurious to Maryland is read as follows: the territories granted in the charters of Maryland, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina are confirmed forever together with all rights which may have been claimed by Virginia except the free navigation and use of Potomac and Pocomoke Rivers; the western and northern extent of Virginia is to stand as fixed in the charter of 1609 and by the peace treaty between Great Britain and France in 1763; no purchase of Indian lands is to be made, except in public behalf; Convention adopts the resolutions, relating to the claim above, proposed by the committee of the whole, T[urbut] Wright, Chairman, denying that Virginia has any right to any territory or waters included in Maryland's Charter which gives her exclusive jurisdiction over the Potomac and almost all the Pocomoke and declaring that the Potomac and that part of the Chesapeake Bay between the Capes and the southern boundary of Maryland ought to be considered a common highway for people of both states.

Extract from the proceedings.

Df.D. 5 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 291, 292-293.

1776 Oct. 30 **302** VI, 49

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution instructing the President to inform the Convention of Maryland that their resolutions for paying $10 in lieu of the 100 acres of land determined by Congress to be given soldiers enlisting to serve during the War will prove detrimental to other states as it will induce soldiers of other states to demand equal terms; Congress is satisfied as to the propriety of offering land to soldiers and cannot rescind the resolution; Congress never intended for the individual states to supply the land, which is to be provided "at the Expense of the United States"; Convention requested to reconsider said resolutions and instruct its Commissioners to the camps accordingly.

D. Signed by John Hancock. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VI, 912-913.

[1776 Oct. 31?] **303** II, 40

[Convention of Maryland.]

Proposed article of Declaration of Rights making public officials accountable to the people.

Df.D. 1 p. Several changes.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 296-297.

[1776 Oct. 31?] **304** II, 42

[Convention of Maryland.]

Proposed article of Declaration of Rights acknowledging basic need of taxation, but prohibiting poll taxes.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 297.

[1776 Oct. 31?] **305** II, 38

[Convention of Maryland.]

Proposed articles of Declaration of Rights relating to religious worship and acquisition of property by religious organizations.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 299-300.

[1776 Oct. 31?] **306** II, 41

[Convention of Maryland.]

Proposed article of Declaration of Rights relating to acquisition of property by religious organizations.

Df.D. 1 p. Several insertions.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 300.

[1776 Oct. 31?] **307** II, 39

[Convention of Maryland.]

Amendment to Declaration of Rights relating to the support of churches.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations and changes.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 300.

[1776 Oct. 31?] **308** II, 37

[Convention of Maryland.]

Proposed article of Declaration of Rights regarding qualification for office.

Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 300-301.

[Before **1776** Nov. 3]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Preliminary text of the Declaration of Rights.
Df.D. 14 pp. Numerous emendations.
Printed in part in *Convention Proc.*, 296-300.
309 II, 33

[**1776** Nov. 3]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Text of the Declaration of Rights.
D. Signed by Matthew Tilghman, President. 17 pp.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 311-316.
310 II, 47

[**1776** Nov. 3?]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Proposed article of Constitution relating to Delegates to Congress.
Df.D. 1 p. Several insertions.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 322 with several variations.
311 II, 46a

[**1776** Nov. 3?]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Proposed article of Constitution relating to appointment of registers of wills.
Df.D. 1 p. Several insertions.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 324 with several changes.
312 II, 51

[**1776** Nov. 3?]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Proposed article of Constitution relating to Sheriffs.
Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 324 with several changes.
313 II, 36

[**1776** Nov. 3?]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Proposed article of Constitution relating to appointment of clerks of courts.
Df.D. 1 p.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 325 with minor variations.
314 II, 53

[**1776** Nov. 3?]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Proposed article to Constitution relating to Land Offices; essentially same as Article 51 of final text.
Df.D. 1 p. Several interlineations.
Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 326.
315 II, 35

[**1776** Nov. 3?]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Amendment to article of Constitution relating to General Court.
Df.D. 1 p.
316 II, 43

[**1776** Nov. 3?]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Proposed article of Constitution relating to appointment of military officers.
Df.D. 1 p.
317 II, 50

[**1776** Nov. 3?]
[Convention of Maryland.]
Proposed addition to Constitution permitting the Governor to remove or suspend any militia officer in pursuance of the judgment of a Court Martial.
Df.D. 1 p.
318 II, 45

1776 Nov. 4
Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Convention of Maryland.
Is instructed by Congress to inform the Convention that the resolutions for paying the ten dollars in lieu of 100 acres of land to soldiers enlisting for the war will prove "detrimental to these States" and lead other soldiers "to require an equal Sum from the United States" thus compelling Congress to pay an additional bounty; being "satisfied with the Propriety of offering Land to the Soldiers" for enlisting, Congress cannot rescind the resolve for that
319 VI, 50

purpose and conceives the states are bound by the obligations assumed by Congress; the intention of Congress was that the land be provided at the expense of the United States not as the Convention apprehended by states in their individual capacities; Congress therefore requests the Convention to reconsider its resolves and instruct its Commissioners to the flying camp to execute the views of Congress; the Paymaster General has been furnished money for paying the bounty of twenty dollars to soldiers enlisting for the war.

L.S. 3 pp.

[Before **1776** Nov. 8] **320** II, 52

[Convention of Maryland.]

Query as to whether the principal officers of the state ought not in the first instance be commissioned by the governor upon the recommendation of the legislature in order "that the frame of Government may be put in motion."

Df.D. 1 p.

Endorsed "Negative."

[**1776** Nov. 8] **321** II, 32

Convention of Maryland.

Text of the Constitution of Maryland; to introduce the new government an election is to be held for Electors of the Senate on November 25 and the Electors chosen are to meet on December 9; the elections for Delegates and for Sheriffs are to be held December 8 in same manner as before; the General Assembly is to meet February 10, 1777 and elect the Governor and Council; elections in the counties are to be held in the courthouses except in Washington County at Hagerstown, in Montgomery County at the house of Charles Hungerford, in Cecil County at the Head of Elk, and in Queen Anne's at the house of George Hanson; the Judges of elections are to be as follows: St. Mary's: Abraham Barnes, Hugh Hopewell, Henry Tubman; Charles: George Dent, Samuel Hanson, Warren Dent; Calvert: William Allnut, Samuel Chew, Daniel Rawlings; Prince George's: William Beanes, Enoch Magruder, Jeremiah Magruder; Anne Arundel: Joseph Galloway, Thomas Dorsey, Thomas Watkins; Montgomery: John Murdock, Zadock Magruder, Joseph Wilson; Frederick: William Luckett, Jr., John Adlum, Joseph Wells; Washington: Joseph Smith, Noah Hart, Ely Williams; Baltimore: Thomas Gist, Sr., Edward Cockey, Henry Stevenson, Jr.; Harford: Amos Garret, William Webb, Thomas Johnson; Cecil: James Evans, Thomas May, John Stockton; Kent: John Page, William Rogers, William Bordley; Queen Anne's: Thomas Ringgold, Nathaniel Wright, Samuel Thomson; Talbot: John Goldsborough, William Perry, John Bracco; Dorchester: Henry Hooper, Bartholomew Ennalls, James Muir; Caroline: Henry Casson, Foster Goldsborough, John White; Somerset: Thomas Hayward, Andrew Francis Cheney, Thomas Bruff; Worcester: Joshua Mitchell, Benton Harris, Robert Done; City of Annapolis: Mayor, Recorder and Alderman; Baltimore Town: John Merryman, Jr., James Calhoun, Benjamin Griffin; Council of Safety to be elected to govern Province until Assembly meets.

Df.D. 51 pp. Numerous emendations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 348, 349-365.

[**1776** Nov. 8] **322** II, 59

Convention of Maryland.

Report of the "Committee appointed to draw up Instructions for the recruiting Serjeants": (1) only healthy able-bodied young men to be enlisted (2) attention should be given to moral character and sobriety (3) servants or apprentices should not be enlisted without consent of their masters (4) diligence should be exercised in enlisting men; as soon as ten men have been enlisted they should be inspected (5) 20 shillings will be allowed for every man passed and in addition 15 pence in lieu of rations until he is delivered.

D. 1 p.

Endorsed: "Recruiting Instruction Report 25."

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 347.

[1776
Nov. 9]

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III, 19

[Convention of Maryland.]

Resolution for the emission of 535,111-1/9 dollars; the form and the number and denomination of the bills and the manner in which they are to be printed are all prescribed in detail; Nathan Hammond, Richard Tootell, John Brice, Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, John Duckett, Thomas Gassaway, Jr., Frederick Green, William Wilkins, Nicholas Harwood, Saint George Peale, Richard Tilghman (of Talbot County), William Perry, Samuel Sharpe, Joseph Bruff, Samuel Edmondson, Alexander Irvine, Charles Edward Irvine and Thomas Dawson or any two of them are to be signers of the bills; three-fourths of the printed bills are to be delivered to the Treasurer of the Western Shore who is to give bond to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Charles Carroll of Carrollton and Charles Carroll, Barrister, before receiving them and one-fourth to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore who is to give bond to Matthew Tilghman, Edward Lloyd and James Lloyd Chamberlaine; the bills are to be signed as needed and redeemed by January 1, 1786; 120,000 dollars of the bills are to be applied to exchanging and retiring the bills emitted under the Resolve of the Convention of 1775.

Df.D. 7 pp. Numerous deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 366-370.

[1776
Nov. 10]

324
III, 3

[Convention of Maryland.]

Resolution, adopted upon considering the letter from Congress of October 2, appointing Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, Jr., William Paca, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, Benjamin Rumsey and Charles Carroll, Barrister, to be Delegates to Congress and authorizing them to concur with the other states in forming a confederation and making foreign alliances subject to the assent of the General Assembly; they are also authorized to concur in other measures for prosecuting the war, reserving to the State the sole right of regulating its internal police, and to concur with Congress in accommodating the differences with Great Britain.

Df.D. 1 p. Several words interlined.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 373-374.

[1776
Nov. 10]

325
III, 2

[Convention of Maryland.]

Contents same as **324**, except for omission of the names of the Delegates and minor variations in wording.

Df.D. 2 pp. Several words inserted.

[1776
Nov. 11]

326
III, 18

[Convention of Maryland.]

Resolution, adopted upon considering the letter from Congress of October 12 enclosing Resolutions of October 3 relative to the establishment of a Loan Office in each state, directing that such a Loan Office be established in Maryland and that Thomas Harwood, Jr. be appointed to superintend the office; any person who is convicted of counterfeiting or altering certificates, bills, or notes of the Continental Loan Office after December 1 "shall suffer Death, as a felon, without Benefit of Clergy"; copies of this resolution are to be transmitted to the committee of the Continental Treasury.

Df.D. 2 pp. Several deletions and interlineations.

Printed in *Convention Proc.*, 374-375.

1776
Nov. 12

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VI, 42

Greene, Nathanael, Fort Lee, [New Jersey]. To John Hancock, [Philadelphia].

Letters of November 4 and 5 have come to hand and will be transmitted to Congress; Justice [———] Mercereau, who fled from Staten Island, [New York] reports that 10,000 troops embarked for South Carolina to be commanded by [John], Lord Dunmore and that a fleet of 100 sail at Long or Staten Island, [New York] is ready to sail for England; by several accounts it appears our prisoners are in a "suffering situation"; the enemy decamped this morning from

Dobbs Ferry, [New York] towards Kings Bridge, [New York] but appears at a loss as to what to do; "we have had several Skirmishes with the Hessians on York Island"; "part of the Troops on the other side are coming over into the Jerseys"; Gen. Washington is with them; expects Gen. [William] Howe to try to take Mount Washington, [New York], but doubts whether he will succeed; "our Troops are much fatigued" but in good spirits.

Copy.

L. Signed by copyist: "Nathaniel Greene." 2 pp. Enclosed in **332.**

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **328**

Nov. 12 Resolution of Congress on subject of recruiting Massachusetts soldiers; IV, 47
rest of country cannot compete on terms offered in Massachusetts; soldiers who enlist for 3 years are to get same bounty as those enlisted for "continuance of the present war"; each recruiter is to provide 2 district officers.

Copy.

D. Signed by John Hancock. Enclosed in **333.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XII, 441-442.

[1776] Hancock, John, President of Congress, Philadelphia. To Commissioners **329**
Nov. 13 from Maryland, [Philadelphia]. IV, 48

Encloses Resolutions of Congress permitting "new Levies" to enlist for 3 years; Marylanders who agree to serve throughout war are to get land.

"True Copy."

L. Signed by copyist "John Hancock Presidt." 1 p. Enclosed in **331.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.* XII, 441, *Letters Cont. Cong.,* II, 150-151.

1776 Rumsey, Benjamin, Philadelphia. To [Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (?), **330**
Nov. 13 Annapolis]. IV, 46

Congress has resolved on 3-year enlistments; $20 will be paid; 100 acres of land will be bounty; problem of regular army remains; [Benjamin(?)] King brought some, but not all, commissions; 4 battalions, 5 flying camps and 2 regular commissions are available; copy of Resolves relative to recruiting 88 battalions should be sent; 4,000 troops under Gen. [Israel] Putnam have crossed North River, reinforcing Gen [Nathanael] Greene who has 6,000 men; inquires about progress of constitutional convention; postscript says flying camps may soon be in Philadelphia.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.* II, 151, *Arch. of Md.,* XII, 442-443.

1776 Chamberlaine, James Lloyd, Thomas Contee, Benjamin Rumsey, John **331**
Nov. 14 Hanson, Jr., Philadelphia. To Mathew Tilghman, [Annapolis]. IV, 49

After receiving letter of November 10, commissioners waited on Congress; copies of letter and resolutions are enclosed; should the regular troops be now enlisted for 3 years only?

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **329.**

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Convention of Maryland. **332**

Nov. 15 Since sending the express of yesterday with intelligence that a fleet of VI, 41
over 100 vessels had left New York, Congress has received a letter from Gen. [Nathanael] Greene, a copy of which is enclosed; it appears that [John], Lord Dunmore is to command a fleet bound southward, perhaps to South Carolina, but "you should be on your guard"; postscript states that since the foregoing Congress has passed a Resolve respecting the disposition of the troops in North Carolina and refers to a Resolve respecting enlistments; the dispatches are to be forwarded southward.

L.S. Postscript in Hancock's handwriting. 2 pp. Encloses **327.**

1776 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety(?)]. **333**
Nov. 19 Arriving in Philadelphia November 18, Chase saw Commission; Resolve IV, 50
of Congress is enclosed; Massachusetts had planned to offer privates 30s. a month; on November 16 Gen. [William] Howe surrounded Ft. Washington, [New York] where 2,000 American troops are stationed; fort was surrendered by Cols. [Robert] Magaw and [Lambert] Cadwalader; Gen. Washington might have saved it a day later; 4 months' provisions were also lost; is anxious to know form of government selected in Maryland.

A.L.S. 2 pp. Partly illegible. Encloses **328.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.* XII, 459, *Letters Cont. Cong.,* II, 159-160.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **334**
Nov. 19 Resolution ordering that letters be sent immediately to Pennsylvania and VI, 58
"the states to the Southward thereof" desiring them to lay up magazines of military stores and provisions for use during the winter; the quotas of troops for the new army are needed now as the term of service of the present army is near expiring.

D. Signed by John Hancock. 1 p. Enclosed in **335.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* VI, 966.

1776 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Convention of Maryland. **335**
Nov. 20 Is charged by Congress to forward the enclosed resolution and urges VI, 60
immediate compliance to it because of its great importance in carrying on the war; "the Vote of Congress" enclosed indicates "the Sense of that Body with Regard to the Necessity of furnishing the troops for the New Army as soon as possible"; our enemies will no doubt take the field early in the Spring and we must "exert ourselves" to be prepared to meet them.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **334.**

1776 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety]. **336**
Nov. 21 No more news on Ft. Washington, [New York] has been furnished Congress IV, 51
since November 19; through Capt. [Thomas] Ramsey, Dr. [Benjamin] Rush and Col. [Lambert] Cadwalader, now released, the full story is known; Hessians crossed Harlem River and penetrated both lines; 40 British soldiers and one captain were killed; 200 Hessian privates and 27 officers were killed or wounded; 2,200 American troops were made prisoners, 30 privates and Col. [———] Baxter and Capt. [John] Miller were killed; Ft. Lee, [New Jersey] will now be abandoned; the British have on Lake Champlain 7 ships, 20 gondolas, and 15 "battoes"—over 150 guns, from 16 lbs. down; Congress is obstinate about enlistment bounties; Maryland and Congressional plans are contrasted; [William] Paca is now in Congress, but if [Benjamin] Rumsey goes "We shall soon be without a Representation."

A.L.S. 5 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.* XII, 469-470, *Letters Cont. Cong.,* II, 161-162.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **337**
Nov. 21 Resolution, adopted because of the pressing need for raising an army VI, 58a
immediately to oppose the enemy, authorizing each state to direct its recruiting officers to enlist men for the war or for three years without presenting separate rolls to Congress as required by a former resolution, keeping in mind that enlistments for the war are preferable.

D. Signed by John Hancock. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* VI, 970-971.

1776 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **338**
Nov. 22 Maj. [Mordecai] Gist has sent return of independent companies; Capt. IV, 52
[Thomas] Ramsay has given details of surrender of Ft. Washington, [New

York]; of the Maryland troops, 400 were taken prisoner, including Cols. [Moses Rawlings] and [Otho Holland] Williams and Capt. [Henry] Hardman of Frederick; Williams was wounded; some of Gen. [Rezin] Beall's Brigade were captured; Capt. [Solomon] Long is sick in Jerseys; [William] Howe is said to be planning to attack Philadelphia.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.* XII, 473.

1776 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **339**

Nov. 23 Gen. [William] Mifflin's letter from Elizabeth, [New Jersey] sent on November 21 states that British crossed North River at Dobbs Ferry, [New York]; garrison at Fort Lee, [New Jersey] left all artillery, cannons, stores, and baggage; no word has come from American army; Commodore [———] Sherldain (?) in the *Bristol* convoyed 150 ships bound for Ireland; according to report of Gen. [Hugh] Mercer, Treasury statement shows 20 million dollars emitted, $16,817,737 expended, leaving $3,102,263 in Treasury; this is not public information; 2 frigates of 30 guns are to be built in Maryland; Maryland has given such powers to delegates as might arouse [William], Lord Howe or even prevent foreign alliances; by December 1, enlistments expire; Congress must certainly attend to the matter. IV, 53

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 475-476, *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 162.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **340**

Nov. 23 Resolution asserting that nothing heretofore done is intended to prejudice or strengthen the claim of any of the United States to any lands in America or to determine in what manner the expenses of war shall be adjusted except the first three million dollars emitted by Congress and a further emission of three million dollars on December 26, 1776. VI, 59

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **342.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VI, 978.

1776 Rumsey, Benjamin, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **341**

Nov. 24 Trip to Congress is to commence "this Day"; question of rewarding soldiers by land bounties occupies Congress; controversy occurred between supporters of 3 year enlistments and "duration" enlistments; adjustment of sinking fund is urgent; Fort Lee, [New Jersey], like Fort Washington, [New York] has fallen; 1,000 barrels of flour and 300 tents were lost; Maj. [Thomas] Price reports that Col. [Otho Holland] Williams "fell . . . bravely fighting in his Country's Cause"; surprises are too frequent—Long Island, [New York], York Island, [New York], White Plains, [New York], Fort Washington, [New York], Fort Lee, [New Jersey]; postscript asks for more commissions; "wrote in the Midst of Company." IV, 54

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 476-477 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.* II, 162-163.

1776 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety]. **342**

Nov. 26 By "obstinate perseverance" enclosed Resolve of Congress, relative to "back Lands" and expenses of the War, was obtained; [William] Paca has gone to camp; Ft. Washington, [New York] and Ft. Lee, [New Jersey] were reduced so easily that it led Gen. [William] Howe to think he might reach Philadelphia; so many enlistments expire—4,500 out of 27,000—that the American Army could not maintain itself against the British force of 21,000; 4 counties of Pennsylvania will call out militia; New Jersey and Pennsylvania cannot otherwise be saved; Delaware and Maryland should assist; new terms of enlistment will soon be IV, 55 made: 3 years in length, annual clothing, and a $20 bounty; recruiting officers will receive 10s. and 10s. "per week for provisions"; 10,000 troops are on enemy ships in North River, [New York]; whether the troops will land at South Amboy, [New Jersey] or go to Virginia or South Carolina is uncertain; artillery companies from Baltimore and Annapolis should be "exercised daily"; "in our Army, we destroy as many of our own People as the Enemy"; [William] Paca has less than $400 to do business with, but paper [for currency] has been paid for; marginal postscript reports delivery of Resolves to Virginia delegates.

A.L.S. 4 pp. Encloses **340.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 481-482 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 165-166.

1776 Tilghman, Mathew, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **343**

Dec. 3 [James Lloyd] Chamberlaine and [John] Hanson have returned from camp which has retreated to Trenton, [New Jersey]; our army is less than 3,000, the enemy's 6,000 to 7,000; the German Battalion is about to march; if enemy comes from Brunswick, [New Jersey], it may be aiming at Philadelphia; Gen. [Charles] Lee's whereabouts are unknown; Gen. [Arthur] Sinclair has about 1,500 men; "the present situation of our affairs is bad eno', but may be worse"; postscript suggests that Convention proceedings cannot be suppressed. IV, 65

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 503-504.

1776 Paca, William, Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **344**

Dec. 7 Congress meant only "Natives of Great Britain and Soldiers from thence" to be exchangeable as prisoners; men seized by Capt. [George] Cook might be released and their property confiscated; "exercise your Discretion in the present Case"; British now at Brunswick, [New Jersey]; Gens. Washington and [Charles] Lee are closing in; Gen. [Arthur] St. Clair with 1,200 men left New Windsor, [Maryland] November 29; privates in flying camp complain of "want of pay"; money is ready but muster rolls are not. IV, 56

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 512-513 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 172-173.

1776 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **345**

Dec. 9 Resolution requesting the committees of Cecil, Baltimore, Harford, and Frederick counties in Maryland to send militia as fast as possible for the defence of this city and the reinforcement of Gen. Washington's army; some arms will be available for those troops who have none; appended is a note explaining that the application was made to the counties as the most expeditious way of obtaining troops; Hancock will explain to the Council of Safety why the application was not made to them; initialed "J. H." VI, 55

D. Signed by John Hancock. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VI, 1015-1016.

[Before Memorandum by James Nicholson. **346**

1776 Pencil note apparently promising to bring seamen and help; consent of IV, 58a

Dec. 11] Council of Safety will be secured en route to Philadelphia.

D. Signed by James Nicholson. Nearly illegible. Enclosed in **347.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 521.

[1776] Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Capt. James Nicholson, Baltimore. **347**

Dec. 11 Report that Nicholson is bringing seamen to Philadelphia suggests that frigates might be sailed back to Baltimore, if crew were sufficient; by Congressional order, Nicholson is given right to ask help of Council of Safety; on December 10 enemy is reported not yet on the west side of the Delaware; Gen. [William] Howe is said to be at Maidenhead, [New Jersey], 6 miles east of IV, 58

Trenton, [New Jersey]; Gen. [Charles] Lee has 6,000 men at Morristown, [New Jersey]; Washington is opposite Trenton; "to prevent reports, publish the above"; [Samuel] Purviance should be informed that [John] Hancock set off December 11; arms will be furnished militia.

A.L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **346.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 520.

1776 Wharton, Thomas, Philadelphia. To [Council of Safety (?)]. **348**
Dec. 11 State prisoners are moving from Philadelphia by military necessity; the X, 5
"enemies to these States" need confinement in Maryland; list of names is enclosed.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 521.

1776 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety. **349**
Dec. 16 Acknowledges letter of December 14; few men can be armed in Frederick, IV, 59
[Maryland]; field officers are not yet appointed to battalions; Col. [James] Wells will be commander; magazines should be moved for safety; no trip to Baltimore will be made until Council writes again.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 533.

1776 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety. **350**
Dec. 19 Congressional Resolve of December 9 asks Baltimore, Frederick, and Harford IV, 60
County militias to join Gen. Washington's troops; many troops are "illy provided for a Winter's campaign"; if Johnson is to command, he should have "some special Authority"; Gen. [Rezin] Beall's commission has expired; members of the "flying camp" are not respectful to him; Gen. [William] Smallwood has had more experience; Congress could appoint him; shoes stockings, and blankets should go to York, [Pennsylvania].

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 540-541.

1776 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To [Council of Safety]. **351**
Dec. 20, 23 8 companies were formed sometime ago under James Wells, William Pepples, IV, 61
Henry Stevenson, Lucien Meredith, Henry Baker, William Bressledan and David Moore; Upton Sheredine was to be Colonel, David Steiner, Lt. Col., David Moore and Ephraim Howard, Majors, and Charles Warfield, Quartermaster; men later voted to have James Wells as Colonel, Joseph Wells as second major, and Henry Stevenson as quartermaster; Capt. [David] Moore challenged the vote as unfair; Steiner is infirm and of no use as a field officer; Col. Lemuel Barrett is to command "the upper Batt. of all"; letter is completed on December 23; shoes, stockings, tents, and blankets should be hurried to Frederick or Taney Town; "it would not do" to put Gen. [Rezin] Beall in command; "I am heartily willing to exert myself in the military Line."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 543-544.

1776 Chase, Samuel, Strawberry Mount, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety. **352**
Dec. 24 Account delivered is thought just; [Thomas] Stone ordered clothes for IV, 57
Capt. [Thomas] Watkins' Company; lack of cash prevented payment.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 552.

1776 Morris, Robert, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, [Annapolis]. **353**
Dec. 24 Reports on attempt to pay Capt. [Thomas Samuel] Poole "obligation given IV, 63
by Mr. Vanbiber & Mr. Harrison"; the captain refused the money which he may receive in the West Indies.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 552.

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Dec. 24, 25
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IV, 62

Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety.

Encloses resignation of Azel Waters as quartermaster in Col. James Johnson's battalion; recommends Richard Butler for position; returns from Cols. [———] Bruce and [———] Blair show missing first names; "you can trust the Committee or me to fill up the Christian names"; no officer in Capt. [William] Brossleday's company has a commission; shoes, stockings, and blankets should be sent to Taney Town; all the militia should not march from Frederick for "it will . . . leave the Country rather too naked"; letter finished and dated December 25, announcing removal dates for Cols. [William] Beatty and [James] Johnson—December 28 and December 30, list for commissions in Johnson's battalion enclosed; Carlton Taneyhill should be substituted for Phil Meroney; "you had better give me orders."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XII, 550-552.

1776
Dec. 25
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X, 10

Resolutions—House of Delegates, [Williamsburg, Virginia].

Justices, members of county committees, and militia officers are urged to "forward and encourage the recruiting service"; more power is to be given governor and council in order "to repel the Invasion of the Enemy"; copy of Resolution is to be sent Maryland and North Carolina; Congress is ordered "to invest the Commander in chief . . . with more Ample and exclusive powers."

Copy.

D.S. "Agreed to by Senate John Pendleton CS. John Tazewill Cl of the House of Delegates." 2 pp.

1776
Dec. 27
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VI, 68

Continental Congress, [Baltimore].

Resolution empowering Gen. Washington to use every endeavor to persuade troops whose enlistment shall expire at end of month to stay with the Army; the new levies in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey are ordered to join the Army with utmost dispatch; state executives are requested to execute this Resolution and appoint commissaries to procure provisions for the troops; Gen. Washington is to appoint a "Commissary of prisoners" and a "Cloathier General for supplying the Army" and establish a system of promotion; a magazine and "an Elaboratory" is to be erected at Carlisle, Pennsylvania and another at Brookfield, Massachusetts; the Committee of Secret Correspondence is to direct the Commissioners at the Court of France to procure a hundred thousand stand of small arms if possible; two Virginia regiments and three in North Carolina are ordered to join Gen. Washington immediately; Gen. Washington is authorized to raise and officer sixteen Battalions of Infantry, three thousand Light Horse, three Regiments of Artillery, and a Corps of Engineers, and given the power to form magazines of provisions, appoint officers, requisition supplies, and arrest disaffected persons; Council of Safety of Pennsylvania is requested to take vigorous measures for punishing persons refusing to accept Continental currency.

D. Signed by John Hancock. 4 pp. Enclosed in **359.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* VI, 1043-1046.

1776
Dec. 28
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VI, 65

Continental Congress, [Baltimore].

Resolution requesting the Council of Safety of Maryland to furnish John Griffith with 50 blankets for use of sick soldiers in Baltimore.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* VI, 1047.

1776
Dec. 28
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Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To Council of Safety.

Capt. Peter Mance, 1st Lt. Adam Crush and 2nd Lt. [———] Adams, according to Col. [Charles] Beatty, refuse commissions; Beatty desires Nicholas

White, formerly ensign, to be a captain; despite deep snow, Beatty's battalion of 300 begin march on December 29.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch of Md.*, XII, 557-558.

1776
Dec. 30

Hancock, John, Baltimore. To Convention or Council of Safety of Maryland.

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VI, 61

Congress would not have vested "such Powers in the Military Department, as those which the Enclos'd Resolves convey to the Continental Commander in Chief," if the present crisis did not demand it; the strength of the enemy and their prospects of further reinforcements have rendered it necessary to augment the American Force "beyond what Congress had heretofore Designed"; these considerations induce Congress to request the fullest influence of Maryland in aiding "such Levies as the General shall Direct"; postscript calls attention to enclosed resolutions one of which prohibits the exportation of sundry articles; also enclosed are papers giving particulars of the success of General Washington in the Jerseys.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **356.**

1776
Dec. 31

Continental Congress, [Baltimore].

360
VI, 67

Resolution directing Gen. [William] Smallwood to exert his utmost endeavors to expedite the raising of the levies in Maryland.

Copy.

D. Signed by copyist: Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VI, 1058.

1776

Beall, Joshua and Robert Tyler. To Convention of Maryland.

361
II, 105

Account of money due from Maryland to William Thomas, Adjutant of the 25th Battalion of Militia, for pay of pipe and drummer; Convention has made no allowance for music, but the Militia cannot be taught discipline as well without it; the officers have borne the expense in the past; suggest that drummers and pipers be paid "by the publick."

A.L.S. Also signed by Robert Tyler. 1 p.

[1776]

Convention of Maryland.

362
II, 89

The Committee to examine the petitions of John Brewer, Barnaby Egan, George French, and Joshua Testile reports that the facts stated in the petition of John Brewer are true and the fine ought to be remitted; there is no evidence to contradict the facts in the petition of Barnaby Egan and it is submitted to the consideration of House; part of the allegation in the petition of French and Testile is groundless for they frequently appear in the muster fields and no ill consequence has happened from their being there.

D. Signed byR[ichard] Ridgely, Clerk. 1 p.

[1776]

Convention of Maryland.

363
II, 60

"Instructions [to Capt. James Nicholson] for the Ship Defense": apprehending an attack on Maryland, the Convention has fitted out the Ship *Defense* for the protection of the colony; Nicholson is directed to make every effort to guard the rivers of the Province and the plantations located thereon; he is to give prompt notice of any captures he may make; he is to cooperate with Virginia in resisting enemy attacks, but he is not to go beyond the Capes except in pursuit of hostile vessels.

D. 2 pp.

[1776?]

[Convention of Maryland.]

364
II, 77

Second and third ballot for Delegates to Congress; nominees listed are C[harles] C[arroll], B[arrister], C[harles] C[arroll] of C[arrollton], B[enjamin]

Rumsey, J[eremiah] T[ownley] C[hase], J[ames] Til[ghman], J[———] [———], [George] Plater, [John] Hall, [Daniel of St. Thomas] Jenifer, R[obert] G[oldsborough].
D. 1 p.

[1776?] [Convention of Maryland.] **365**
List of counties. II, 104
D. 1 p.

[1776?] [Convention of Maryland.] **366**
Record of votes; determined in the affirmative; most of the members II, 92
voting are listed by surname only.
D. 1 p.
Endorsed: "Qual n. of an Elector."

[1776?] Petition of Officers of Capt. [———] Johnson's Company, [———], Mary- **367**
land. To Convention of Maryland. II, 11
Have formed a company but have not been able to obtain arms in Philadelphia or any other place; upon considering defenceless state of this city, would like to borrow 80 stand of the provincial arms lodged in Frederick Town until others can be obtained.
D. 1 p.

[1776?] Receipt of J. C. Minor. **368**
Receipt for meals, spirits, corn, etc. II, 72
D. Signed by J. C. Minor. 1 p.

[1776?] Account of Nobel Chase. **369**
Account for lodging. II, 73
D. Signed by Nobel Chase. 1 p.

1777 Chase, Samuel, Baltimore. To Council of Safety of Maryland. **370**
Jan. 3 No report has been received from Gen. Washington since December 27, III, 30
1776; 10,000 American troops are in the Jerseys; Gen. [William] Heath has retaken Hackensack, [New Jersey]; [Roger] Sherman, a Connecticut delegate, reports enemy at Newport, Rhode Island; a petition and letter from Capt. [Thomas(?)] Yates are enclosed; Milne and Jenkins applied to Congress and report has been made to Georgia delegates; [William] Smallwood will send on report; meantime enough to carry on levies will be given him; General Assembly should shortly be convened so Maryland may be represented in Congress.
A.L.S. 2 pp.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 11; in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 204-205.

1777 Morris, Robert, George Clymer, George Walton, Philadelphia. To John **371**
Jan. 5 Hancock, [Baltimore]. III, 31
Current rumor, but no reliable reports, brings news that Washington defeated [William] Howe near Maidenhead or Quaker Bridge, [New Jersey]; 500-700 prisoners were taken; Princeton and Brunswick, [New Jersey] may have fallen; Gen. [Israel] Putnam with 600 men has left; the New England militia may be coming against New York.
L.S. 2 pp. Enclosed in **372.**
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 28.

1777 Chase, Samuel, [Baltimore]. To Council of Safety. **372**
Jan. [8] Encloses letter from "the Committee of Congress" to [John] Hancock, III, 32
though without permission to make letter public; Maryland is still unrepresented

at Congressional debates; news from Somerset County, [Maryland] makes Congress uneasy; the letter is sent from Great Tavern.
A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **371.**
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 27; *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 208.

1777 Continental Congress, [Baltimore]. **373**
Jan. 9 Resolution recommending that the executive powers of Georgia, South VI, 18
Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland appoint suitable persons to collect as much beef and pork as they can obtain salt to cure; price limits are to be established and purchasers should not bid against each other; the President is to write to the states inquiring what success they have met with in raising the troops required by the Resolution of September 16, 1776.
D. Signed by John Hancock. 2 pp. Enclosed in **374.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VII, 25, 26-27.

1777 Hancock, John, Baltimore. To General Assembly of Maryland. **374**
Jan. 9 By direction of Congress transmits the enclosed resolves; "from their VI, 17
great Importance to the Army they will naturally claim your best endeavor to carry them into Execution."
L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **373.**

1777 Continental Congress, [Baltimore]. **375**
Jan. 14 Resolution adopted in order to support the Continental money at full VI, 15
value; all bills of credit emitted by Congress ought to be deemed equal in value to Spanish milled dollars and anyone refusing to accept them as such should be deemed an enemy of the United States; the states are requested to make the bills "lawful tender" for all debts and provide for sinking their respective quotas of bills; an additional sum of two million dollars is to be borrowed at the Loan Office; the Commissioners of the Loan Office are to receive bills of credit emitted by the states in such sums as they shall be directed by the Continental Treasurer.
D. Signed by John Hancock. 3 pp. Enclosed in **376.**
Printed in *Jour Cont. Cong.*, VII, 35-37.

1777 Hancock, John, Baltimore. To General Assembly of Maryland. **376**
Jan. 14 By direction of Congress transmits enclosed resolves; depreciation of VI, 16
Continental currency has been a growing evil and it has become absolutely necessary to provide some remedy against it; hopes the dispatches which were forwarded by the express and by the post have been received.
"Circular."
L.S. 1 p. Encloses **375.**

1777 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **377**
Jan. 20 Thanks committee for getting shoes at 22s. 6d.; [Jesse(?)] Hollingsworth III, 36
has already sent 1,000 pair; Cols. [Benjamin] Johnson, [William] Beatty, [John(?)] Johnson, and [Daniel] Stull all have men ready to go—700 men in all; Montgomery County militia is said to be on the way; if militia make an effort, British can be routed from "the Jerseys"; Gen. [Horatio] Gates and [William Alexander, "Lord"] Stirling are both in Philadelphia; arms for the Flying Camp are delayed; "2000 Stand wou'd be better to us than almost any Sum of Money"; Johnson knows Council of Safety cannot authorize militia movements; he will stay in Philadelphia until end of January; 30 "baggage waggons" have been taken and 60 to 70 more wagons were "in such a Situation" that they would be taken, too.
A.L.S. 2 pp.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 63-65.

1777 Continental Congress, [Baltimore]. **378**
Jan. 21 Resolution recommending to the Council of Safety of Maryland that the VI, 23
militia of Harford, Baltimore, Cecil, and other counties march as soon as possible to reinforce Gen. Washington.

D. Signed by John Hancock. 1 p. Enclosed in **379.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* VII, 53-54.

1777 Hancock, John, Baltimore. To Council of Safety. **379**
Jan. 22 Requests immediate appointment of subaltern officers for companies being VI, 9
raised in the State so that the recruiting service may be expedited and the men properly trained; requests immediate compliance with the enclosed resolve recommending that the militia be called forth from the counties mentioned, and others if deemed proper, to reinforce Gen. Washington.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **378.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 70.

1777 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **380**
Jan. 27 Requests commissions for several regiments; names submitted are: III, 37

Charles Balsel for James Johnson's Battalion
John Martin Deer
Abm. Miller
Christian Lafever
Henry Woolhite
Ignatius Elder for James Ogle's company
Francis Elder

Part of Col. [Robert] Bruce's company have gone; arming is very slow; arms have been delivered for Flying Camp.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 68.

1777 Chase, Samuel, Baltimore. To Council of Safety. **381**
Jan. 28 Capt. [Thomas(?)] Yates, ready to march with his company, has no ensign, III, 35
though he recommended one "sometime past"; New York is rumored taken by Americans; militia met British foragers in a skirmish, killed 20, and took 30 prisoners, 50 wagons and 200 horses.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 86.

1777 Chase, Samuel, Baltimore. To [Council of Safety]. **382**
Jan. 29 Enclosed letter from William Bingham is to be considered by Maryland IV, 85
General Assembly; petition of privates in Capt. [Nathaniel] Smith's company is also sent by order of Congress.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 102 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* II, 226.

1777 Chase, Samuel, Baltimore. To Council of Safety. **383**
Jan. 31 John Gassaway was given $19,000 on January 30 for the Council of Safety; III, 34
Congress has no Maryland representation which prevents the State from selecting generals of its choice; New York and Delaware are unrepresented; less than 30 members are conducting a "very important Business."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 104-105 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* II, 229-230.

1777 Hancock, John, Baltimore. To General Assembly of Maryland. **384**
Jan. 31 "As there is not a more distinguished Event in the History of America, VI, 69
then the Declaration of her Independence, . . . it is highly proper, that the

Memory of that Transaction . . . should be preserved"; therefore "enclosed Copy of the Act of Independence" with list of signers is transmitted to "form a Part of the Archives of your State."

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 228.

1777 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Philadelphia. To Council of Safety. **385**

Feb. 4 Maryland recruits are being fitted for camp; supplies are urgently needed; smallpox is "very rife"; the enemy is in the Jerseys; at present scouting parties are fighting the war. III, 22

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 115-116.

1777 Chase, Samuel, Baltimore. To [Council of Safety]. **386**

Feb. 6 Capt. [William] Patterson is a pirate; he should be sent to "Martinico" for trial; [Robert] Morris might pay cost of vessel to Governor of Martinique; Zacariah Campbell has written his brother, Capt. [James] Campbell, that Tories have collected at Parker's Mill, 9 miles from Salisbury, [Maryland]; 3 field pieces were taken from the *Roebuck* with intent to destroy Whigs; Col. [George] Dashiell is in Salisbury with 150 men; 8 companies join him February 10, 1777; from Capt. [James(?)] Nicholson comes news of 3 men-of-war in the Chesapeake; Capt. William Buchanan will march with Col. [Mordecai] Gist; Gen. [Henry] Hooper should not be placed at end of troops; "Col. [Mordecai] Gist will not submit to be commanded by that Gentleman"; representation is a necessity. IV, 87

A.L.S. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 122-123; and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 236.

1777 Chase, Samuel, Baltimore. To Council of Safety. **387**

Feb. 7 Tender of *Defence* should be well manned; Congress will try to provide forces to stop Somerset and Worcester county "insurgents"; Capt. [George] Cook will be notified about tender; because of non-arrival of the post, there is no news from Gen. Washington. IV, 86

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 124 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 236.

1777 Hancock, John, Baltimore. To Council of Safety. **388**

Feb. 11 Is instructed by Congress to request that Maryland be fully and constantly represented in Congress; enclosed resolve recommends that the Council prevent the sailing of "all Provision Vessells" to prevent supplies from falling into hands of enemy. VI, 22

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 130-131 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 246.

1777 Continental Congress, [Baltimore]. **389**

Feb. 17 Resolution based on the information that the enemy meditates an expedition to the Chesapeake Bay and Eastern Shore, requesting that Virginia and Maryland take measures to remove "the Stocks" from the Eastern Shore counties and to protect the inhabitants from the enemy. VI, 20

D. Signed by John Hancock. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VII, 128.

1777 Hancock, John, Baltimore. To Council of Safety. **390**

Feb. 17 Congress having heard that the enemy plans "a Descent upon the Coast of Chesapeake Bay" has directed Hancock to request that "all the Stock of every VI, 21 kind" be removed from danger of falling into the hands of the enemy and that measures be taken to protect those loyal to the cause of America.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 141.

1777 Feb. 20 Chase, Samuel, Baltimore. To [Council of Safety]. **391** IV, 88

There is no truth to story of an engagement on February 7 which is now reported as "a little Skirmish"; Gen. [William] Smallwood was ordered by Congress to tour Maryland; this measure to raise troops "has been neglected"; Gen. Washington, in a letter to Col. [Robert Hanson(?)] Harrison, said "we have not men enough to mount the Common Guards"; the information should be treated "with every Caution of Secrecy"; a proposal is enclosed to assist in the crisis.

A.L.S. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 147-148 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* II, 267-268.

1777 Feb. 20 Hancock, John, Baltimore. To General Assembly of Maryland. **392** VI, 24

The Proceedings of the Committee of Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island being laid before Congress, it has come to the enclosed resolves; the parts of the proceedings relating to the price of labor and other articles are also enclosed; Congress approves the measures to prevent the depreciation of currency, but has referred the propriety of regulating prices to the other states; Maryland is requested to appoint Commissioners to meet with others from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia at York Town, Pennsylvania to adopt a system of regulation.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* II, 266-267.

1777 Feb. 21 Morris, Robert, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, [Annapolis]. **393** IV, 92

Letter of February 8 has been received; produce will be shipped to William Bingham and Richard (?) Harrison; 140 barrels of powder were used by men-of-war in the Chesapeake; "hope for better luck" in securing more.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 150.

1777 Feb. 22 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Baltimore]. To Governor and Council of Maryland. **394** IX, 2

The Board of War requests that Dr. Samuel McKenzie, Director of the Hospital at Baltimore, be furnished with such medicines as he shall require out of the stores belonging to Maryland to be repaid as soon as possible.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 151.

1777 Feb. 27 Chase, Samuel, Baltimore. To Council of Safety. **395** IV, 93

Announces adjournment of Congress in Baltimore on February 27; it meets again in Philadelphia on March 5; Capt. [Frederick] Deams needs officers for his company; Capt. Deams is to send forward his company; Gen. [Sir William] Howe has 4,000 men as reinforcements from Rhode Island.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 153.

1777 Mar. 22 Petition of John David. **396** IX, 213

Requests Gov. Thomas Johnson and Council to forgive his drunken conduct on appearance before Council; wishes reinstatement in Navy.

A.D.S. 1 p.

1777 Mar. 22 Roberdeau, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **397** IX, 11

Is a member of a committee of Congress appointed to confer with Maj. Gen. [Nathanael] Greene; the committee finds it is Gen. Washington's opinion that Gen. [William] Howe may attempt to capture Maryland and requests that "the new levies" in Maryland be forwarded with the utmost expedition to "join our troops already in the Jersies, or at least be at hand to arrest the enemy at the Delaware."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 187-188 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 307.

[After **1777** Mar. 25] Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice. To House of Delegates. **398** I, 5

Acting on memorial from William Goddard, printer of Baltimore County, the committee made inquiry; on March 23, Col. Nathaniel Ramsey and George Trumbull requested Goddard to reveal the real name of "Tomtell Truth," author of an article in the *Maryland Journal;* Capt. John Slaymaker sent Goddard a summons (signed "Legion") to come to the house of [David] Rusk on March 24; Benjamin Nicholson, Robert Buchanan, Hugh Young, James Smith, and Nathaniel Ramsey went to Goddard's house and "required him to attend the Whigg Club" at Rusk's; among those present at the Club were James Nicholson, who "was in the Chair," David Stewart, Robert Purviance, Capt. Nathaniel Smyth; Goddard's refusal to give "the Author of said publication" resulted in a "sentence of Banishment"; Capt. David Plunkett ordered that Goddard should leave town "by twelve O'Clock next day" and the Country in three days; this action is "a manifest Violation of the Constitution."

D. Signed by J. Johnson, Clerk of the Committee. 3 pp.

1777 Mar. 26 Galbraith, Capt. William, [Baltimore]. To Council of Safety. **399** III, 44

Reports on "tumult which Yesterday happened in Baltimore Town"; [Mary K.] Goddard applied to Galbraith to protect her brother, [William Goddard], "against a Mob"; on requesting Capt. Nathaniel Smith to disperse the mob by firing, he refused; Goddard was removed by the mob and taken to Rusk's Tavern; postscript says that previous letter on same subject was lost.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 190.

1777 Mar. 28 Willing, Morris & Co., Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, [Annapolis]. **400** III, 25

Acknowledges receipt of letter of March 14; cargo has been sent on their account; money could be better used in West Indies but bond of [Richard] Harrison will be paid by [William] Bingham; "we have lost a great deal of Money in our attempts to Compleat an agreement with your Convention"; powder from Europe has reached West Indies and will arrive in America "before long"; postscript inquires about Thomas Morton, Jr. for whom a letter is forwarded.

L.S. 2 pp.

1777 Mar. 31 Washington, George, Morristown, [New Jersey]. To [John Hancock, Philadelphia]. **401** VI, 25

Capt. [George] Dashiell of [Archibald(?)] Buchanan's ship from Baltimore who was captured by enemy and carried into [New] York has escaped; he reports that 3,000 British and Hessian troops embarked about ten days ago; he adds that they have built about 70 light flat bottomed boats; the general opinion was that the embarkation was for Chesapeake Bay to make a descent on the Eastern Shore or "to proceed to the Head of Elk, [Maryland], taking Annapolis & Baltimore in their way"; some thought they might "go up the North River and attempt the Highland Fortification"; has asked Generals [Alexander] McDougal and [George] Clinton to prepare for latter possibility;

Capt. Dashiell heard the Captain of the Packet say war with France was much expected when he left England in February.

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "Go. Washington." 2 pp. Enclosed in **404.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 197.

1777
Mar. 31

Washington, George, Morristown, New Jersey. To [John Hancock, Philadelphia]. **402** III, 33

Contents same as **401.**

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "Go Washington." 2 pp.

1777
Apr. 2

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **403** IX, 1

Order directing that a copy of the letter of this day received from Gen. Washington be sent to Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia; Gov. [Thomas] Johnson is requested to cause the removal of the powder and military stores at Annapolis to Frederick, [Maryland] and those at Baltimore to Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

D. Signed by John Hancock. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* VII, 218-219.

1777
Apr. 2

Hancock, John, New Jersey. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **404** VI, 26

Congratulates Johnson on appointment to the governorship; enclosed letter of Gen. Washington contains information that the enemy plans an invasion of Maryland; urges all possible resistance; calls attention to the enclosed resolve of Congress regarding removal of public stores.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **401.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 196-197 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* II, 316.

1777
Apr. 10

House of Delegates to Senate of Maryland. **405** III, 4

Message regarding amendments to "an Act to punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to prevent the Growth of Toryism" proposed by Senate: House cannot agree to strike out the punishment for those advocating return to dependence; nor to omit the offence of depreciating Maryland currency, but is willing to correct the part relating to the currency of other states; it asks concurrence in punishing those who hinder the recruiting service and spread false rumors; it cannot agree to eliminate "Oath of Fidelity" and would like an explanation as to why an oath proper to be taken by the Governor should not be taken by other civil officers of the State; it disagrees to the amendments relating to non-associators and persons who fled from the State; it believes a reward should be allowed for taking up persons travelling without passes; it agrees to strike out sections relating to the Committee of Observation; it does not agree to the amendment relating to disaffected persons except the section giving the Governor special powers in case of invasion; it agrees to all other amendments and returns the bill for further consideration.

D. Signed by G[abriel] Duvall, Clerk of the House of Delegates. 12 pp.

[1777
Apr. 14]

Goddard's List. **406** III, 40a

25 names "and many others whose names are unknown or not recollected"; names are:

James Nicholson, "Commodore & President of Whig Club"
Lt. Col. Nathaniel Ramsay
Benjamin Nicholson "Admiralty Judge"
David Stewart "Marshal"
David Plunket "Capt Dragoons"
John Hallock "late Commander of the Lexington"

[James] Campbell "late Comr. of the Enterprise Privateer"
Daniel Laurence
Thomas Morgan
James Cox
Cornelius Garretson
James Smith
Nathaniel Smith
George Trumbull
Capt. ——— Boucher
Hugh Young "an itinerant Haberdasher"
Benjamin Griffiths
Mark Alexander
William Aisquith "High Sheriff"
John McClure
Daniel Bowley
George Welch
David McMechan
Job Garretson
John Gordon
John McCabe
David Poe

D. Enclosed in **407.**

1777 Goddard, William, Annapolis. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **407**
Apr. 14 Requests that writs be issued by the governor "against the Persons mentioned in the inclosed List"; these people are to be bound over to the General Court. III, 40

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **406.**

1777 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **408**
Apr. 14 A number of Scotch prisoners under the charge of Col. [Edward] Stevens of the [10th] Virginia Regiment are at Baltimore on the way to be exchanged, but the "Cartel" being now ended Maryland is asked to receive them and convey them to a place of security; a detachment of prisoners at New Castle, [Delaware] has been ordered to Lancaster, [Pennsylvania], but there is no further room there and it is suggested that the Scotch prisoners be taken to Frederick, [Maryland]. IX, 6

A.L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 213 under date of April 15.

1777 Morris, Robert, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **409**
Apr. 15 Lists of drafts omitted in previous letter is enclosed; 2,500 Continental muskets were lost "at the Capes" when a ship aground blew up; salvage is to go to Dover; powder from West Indies is safe to date; postscript mentions bill of Richard Harrison in favor of Capt. William Miles, also [Isaac] Vanbibber's bill, favor of Capt. Mathew Corn and Richard Harrison's bill to John Kenyon, a total of £104. III, 28

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1777 Peters, Richard, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **410**
Apr. 15 Contents same as **408.** IX, 4
"Copy."
L.S. 1 p.

1777 Rumsey, Benjamin, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **411**
Apr. 17 Letter to [Robert] Morris dated April 1st has been read; Gen. [William] Smallwood has been asked to station a battalion in Somerset County, [Maryland] IV, 71

to repress Tories; a new battalion should be raised for this purpose; Col. [William] Duer, Col. [James] Wilson, and [Samuel] Adams are on committee with Rumsey to report on the matter.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.* XVI, 217 and in *Letters of Cont. Cong.* II, 330.

1777 Apr. 18 General Assembly. Instructions to Delegates. **412** III, 29

Samuel Chase, William Paca, William Smith, Benjamin Rumsey, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton are instructed that a permanent Confederacy should be aim of delegates; a stricter Union and Confederacy of the thirteen united States" should reserve powers for General Assembly; public debt should be liquidated; apportionment should be on basis of "white Inhabitants" in each State; Negroes taxable in Maryland may be counted; all Congressional journals should be published, military operations only excepted; "the Yeas and Nays of each member" should be entered for every question.

D. 3 pp.

1777 Apr. 18 House of Delegates of Maryland. **413** III, 20

Order, adopted upon considering the request of Congress of January 18 to preserve in the Archives of Maryland the "Declaration of Independency, with the Names of the Members of Congress subscribing the same," directing that "the said Declaration be entered on the Journal of the House, among the proceedings of the High Court of Chancery and also on the Records of the General Court."

D. 1 p.

1777 Apr. [27?] Lutterloh, Col. [Henry Emanuel], [Morristown, New Jersey]. To Gen. [Thomas] Mifflin, [Philadelphia]. **414** IV, 73

Important Northern news received Sunday, 3 p.m. [April 27] is that British have left Germantown, [Pennsylvania]; 2,000 men are detached to harass the enemy under Col. [John(?)] Fitzgerald; at 4 a.m. on [April 28?] the "whole Army" will move; near Chester, [Pennsylvania] [Gen. William] Howe is expected to "make a stand"; Gen. [Samuel Holden] Parsons is to attack New York and Gen. [Horatio] Gates, Clinton; as 13 cannons and 3 rounds of small arms were found, "the Clergy was obliged to preach a thanksgiving Sermon."

Copy.

L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **419.**

1777 Apr. 28(?) Rumsey, Benjamin and William Smith, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **415** IV, 70

Orders for $75,000 on the Treasury and for $25,000 on the Loan Office are inclosed; Maryland deputies are not told in advance of requests made to President of Congress; request for 2,000 stand of arms was referred to the Board of War; no report was made because no return of arms from Philadelphia or camp has been made; Maj. [John Eager] Howard from Col. [Josias C.] Hall's battalion reports that 150 Somerset County Tories were "actually in Arms under Officers" at Cedar Swamp; postscript reports news from Ticonderoga, [New York]; the 1,500 men cannot save it but Gen. [Horatio] Gates will not send more; [Sir Guy] Carleton's "Advanced Guard" will go within 15 miles; fort may not be saved.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.* II, 343-344.

1777 Apr. 29 Forrest, [Uriah], Bristol, [Pennsylvania]. To Col. [Nathaniel] Ramsey, Philadelphia. **416** IV, 80

Commissions promised officers of the 3rd Regiment have not been received; Col. [Mordecai] Gist has Col. Ramsey's and Maj. [Uriah] Forrest was commissioned twice; orders can be sent by Capt. [Benjamin] Brookes; pay from December 10, 1776 should be drawn in Philadelphia.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **420.**

1777 Morris, Robert, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson, Jr. **417**

May 1 The imprisonment of men in Philadelphia by Capt. [James] Nicholson is "pernicious and destructive"; "forcing out Militia against their will" is an equal wrong to civil liberty; no member of Congress supports Nicholson in his actions; though an "excellent and capable officer," he should be dismissed unless he makes amends; his replacement, Capt. [John] Manly, is inferior in abilities; keeping troops to watch Eastern Shore Tories deprives Washington of reinforcements badly needed; Maryland arms involved in the Capes' explosion numbered 500, Continental arms 2,500; the shipment of powder landed at Baltimore went into Continental hands, though intended for Maryland. III, 27

A.L.S. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 236-238 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 349-350.

1777 Rumsey, Benjamin, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson, Jr. **418**

May 1 Officers have complained that their commissions are still withheld; Gen. [Philip] Schuyler informed Congress that Col. [William] Richardson has 100 men "in this City"; they will go to camp but the governor can detain men in weaker battalions; Parliamentary Act, received May 1, makes it "Felony for our Men to fight on the Ocean of the King of Britain"; [John(?)] Witherspoon has been advised that enemy is assembling on Staten Island: [John] Burgoyne with 10,000 "Germans" and 3,000 British is to attack Boston; arms may come from Carlisle, [Pennsylvania]; the "House" is wasting time, hence delay in this "express." IV, 68

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 236 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 350.

1777 Smith, William and Benjamin Rumsey, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas **419**

May 1 Johnson]. IV, 72

Acknowledges receipt of letter of April 26; Resolution of Congress is inclosed; Congress "warmly" disapproves of Capt. [James] Nicholson's conduct; Gen. Washington reports 2,000 men on the Sound near Fairfield, [Connecticut]; 5,000 barrels of powder and 3,000 barrels of flour were destroyed at Danbury, [Connecticut]; only 50 men were on hand to guard materials; Gen. [Benedict] Arnold with 800 men attacked the enemy; Gen. [David] Wooster was wounded; postscript reports burning of Danbury and Ridgefield, [Connecticut]; impressment of seamen must be avoided.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **414.**

1777 Rumsey, Benjamin, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **420**

May 3 Enclosed is letter from Maj. [Uriah] Forrest to Col. [Nathaniel] Ramsey; officers passing through are uneasy; if captured, "they will be used . . . as common Men" without commissions; dates on commissions are also a source of worry; [William] Paca is not in Philadelphia to send this complaint himself. IV, 79

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **416.**

1777 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **421**

May 6 Resolution desiring the Governor and Council of Maryland to appoint Superintendents of the Press to replace any who shall discontinue in the office; any Continental Officer marching through Baltimore when money is being sent to Philadelphia shall at request of the Treasurer provide an escort. VI, 70

D. Signed by John Hancock. 1 p. Enclosed in **423.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VII, 332.

1777 Gibson, John, "Treasury Office," Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **422**

May 8 The Board of Treasury requests strict attention to the enclosed Resolution of Congress passed on April 29; an account of the sums advanced by Maryland for the recruiting service and the officers to whom they were advanced should IX, 3 be transmitted to the paymasters of the battalions in which they serve; the paymasters are to report to Johnson on the settlement of the accounts together with vouchers to be produced to the Board of Treasury when the accounts are adjusted.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1777 May 10 — **423** VI, 71

Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

By command of Congress is transmitting enclosed resolve of Congress desiring that "Superintendants of the public Press" be appointed whenever any vacancy occurs in the office.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **421.**

1777 May 15 — **424** III, 26

Morris, Robert, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, [Annapolis].

Muskets rescued from the *Success* (formerly the *Morris*), a ship which exploded "at our Capes" are so damaged that public armourer must repair them; 52 pounds of powder have been landed at Baltimore for which Vanbibber & Harrison have been paid £450; Capt. Samuel Skinner received the draft.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1777 May 24 — **425** IV, 106

Paca, William, Philadelphia. To Governor and Council.

Enemy failed to come down river on May 17 as expected; Gen. Washington has moved to Boundbrook, [New Jersey]; [William] Tryon and Lt. Col. [———] Wolcot both died in the "Danbury Affair."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1777 May 24 — **426** IV, 107

Paca, William, [Philadelphia]. To Governor and Council.

17 transports are coming into New York, according to news from Gen. Washington; Gen. [William] Tryon and [———] Wolcot are dead; long postscript states that Col. [John] Gunby reports Capt. [Frederick] Deams has resigned his company and 2 of the other officers are prisoners; Col. [James] Williams has no field officers; "our Troops and State are in Contempt."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1777 May 24 — **427** IV, 108

Paca, William, Philadelphia. To Governor and Council.

Encloses account from printers of Maryland money; barracks are 9′ x 16′; Brunswick, [New Jersey] is being fortified by the British; boats have been launched; several Tories with commissions from [Sir William] Howe have been found; all were hanged, including a lieutenant and a captain; 10 sail are coming up the river, also the *Roebuck* with other vessels; "Congress has adjourned to go down in Barges to see the Sport"; [James] Nicholson's conduct in impressment was discussed in Congress; Resolutions on the subject were drawn by [Charles] Carroll [of Carrollton] and Paca; [Francis] Lewis caused postponement of Resolutions until Council gives further details; [Benjamin] Ramsey and [Arthur] Middleton were involved; Gens. [Philip] Schuyler, [Benedict] Arnold, and [Thomas] Mifflin are "in Town"; army is "handsomely uniformed"; postscript mentions British recruiting agent in Philadelphia who has been sentenced to death; "such Villains [are] in every State."

A.L.S. 5 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cong. Cong.*, II, 371-373.

1777 June 13 — **428** VI, 27

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution, based on the report of the committee on ways and means of procuring salt, recommending that the several states encourage persons importing and manufacturing salt.

"Copy from the Journals of Congress."

A.D. Signed: "William Ch. Houston, Dep. Secry." 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VIII, 462-463.

1777 June 14 **429** VI, 28

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution recommending that the other states encourage the supplying of salt and other needed commodities to the state of New York which has been deprived of the use of her sea ports for a considerable time by the enemy and is particularly distressed for want of salt.

"Copy from the Journals."

A.D. Signed: "William Ch. Houston, Dep. Secry." 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VIII, 465-466.

1777 June 17 **430** VI, 29

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution referring the Petition of Thomas Rutherford and other prisoners from North Carolina now on parole at Frederick Town, [Maryland] to the Governor and Council of Maryland.

"Copy from the Journals of Congress."

A.D. Signed: "William Ch. Houston, Dept. Secry." 1 p.

Printed under date of June 18 in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VIII, 477.

1777 June 25 **431** X, 15

Message to General Assembly from Governor Thomas Johnson.

Desires legislative advice on building barracks; Abraham Fener has seen barracks at Lancaster, [Pennsylvania]; Annapolis barracks cannot be built "in the substantial manner directed"; application for aid from Congress has not been received.

A.D.S. 1 p.

1777 July 31 **432** VI, 31

Continental Congress, [Baltimore].

Resolution directing that the militia of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland be called forth to repel any invasion of the enemy.

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **433.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VIII, 592.

1777 July 31 **433** VI, 30

Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To General Assembly of Maryland.

Congress has learned that an enemy fleet of 228 sails has arrived off capes of Delaware and is standing in for the bay; no doubt remains that Philadelphia is its destination; Hancock entreats the Assembly to call out the militia to repel any invasion of Maryland and assist in the defense of Pennsylvania; requests attention to the enclosed resolve of Congress on the subject.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **432.**

Printed in *Letters of Cont. Cong.*, II, 432.

1777 Aug. 2 **434** IX, 13

Lewis, Francis, "Baltimore Point." To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Upon hearing that 228 British ships had arrived at the Capes of Delaware, Capt. [James] Nicholson of the Frigate asked Lewis if he did not consider it advisable for him to proceed with 150 of his seamen to the Head of Elk, [Maryland] and from there to Philadelphia if not countermanded at Elk; Lewis agreed and consulted Capt. [George] Cooke about a reinforcement from his ship for the same service; the Marine Committee has been informed of the steps taken; postscript states Capt. Nicholson's party will leave this evening or tomorrow morning.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 324.

1777 Aug. 19 **435** IV, 102

Paca, William, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Encloses letter from Gen. Washington; quota for artillery should have been by states; no intelligence of [Richard, Lord] Howe's fleet has been received; the army has embarked; possibly to South Carolina; Tryon County, [New York] militia has fought [Sir John] Johnson "& his Indians"; 50 Indians were killed, as well as some officers; Gen. [Philip] Schuyler writes that [Gen. John]

Burgoyne has moved to Saratoga, [New York]; the New England states are disgusted with Schuyler; Gen. [Horatio] Gates may clear up the difficulty; Samuel Chase says he has written fully.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 338, 339 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 457.

1777 Questions in Council. **436**
Aug. 21 260 sail of British vessels has passed Annapolis; governor proposed for Council's opinion that preparation to defend the town be made; opinion is that town cannot be defended; evacuation must be made; Maj. [John] Fulford is of same opinion. IV, 82

Df.D 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 340.

1777 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **437**
Aug. 22 Resolution calling out militia in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware to repel the expected invasion of those states; Virginia is requested to send militia to Frederick Town in Maryland; all are to be subject to the orders of Gen. Washington; all boats, provisions, and other stores in line of the enemy's march are to be removed to safe places or destroyed; Gen. Washington is directed to order Brig. Gen. [William] Smallwood and Col. [Mordecai] Gist to go to Maryland to command the militia raised there. VI, 32

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by John Hancock. 3 pp. Enclosed in **438.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VIII, 666-668.

1777 Hancock, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson and the General **438**
Aug. 23 Assembly of Maryland. VI, 19

The present critical state of affairs has led Congress to adopt enclosed resolutions for the defense of the states; it is necessary that they be carried out with utmost vigor.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **437.**

1777 Rumsey, Benjamin, Joppa, [Maryland]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson, Jr.]. **439**
Aug. 24 8th Battalion repelled invasion at mouth of the Gunpowder River; only 5 guns can be allotted among 40 men; county lieutenant ordered battalion to Swan Creek, [Maryland]; militia should be furnished arms shortly; 4 4lb. cannons are at Joppa but only 13 muskets; 20 more men would stop further invasions. IV, 78

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 342, 343.

1777 Cadwalader, Gen. John, Shrewsberry, [Pennsylvania]. To William Paca, **440**
Aug. 25 Chestertown, Maryland. IV, 98

Situation of fleet was reported to [———] Foreman (?); holds no position under state of Pennsylvania since "I look upon myself as an Inhabitant of Maryland"; if "some of the officers" are offended, appointment to command of the militia should not be made.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **447.**

1777 Paca, William, [Kent County, Maryland]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson?]. **441**
Aug. 25 The enemy has reached Cecil Court House; this prevents journey with family to Philadelphia; no officer has been commissioned for militia; blank commissions should be sent; money is also needed soon; 1,000 or 2,000 flints are also wanted; circular letters to counties nearby will be sent; [Robert] Goldsborough and [Mathew] Tilghman should be consulted; the Eastern Shore IV, 104

formation prevents the enemy from coming up the shoreline direct; head of Sassafras offers best place for headquarters; Col. [William] Richardson and regulars should come; cannon from a vessel will be loaded on carriages; 100 balls 750 lbs of powder are on hand; Dr. [William] Bordley is lieutenant for the county; “I hope no Scoundrel or Tory or Traitor will be able to shew his Head.”

A.L.S. 6 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 344, 345.

1777 Aug. 25(?) Rumsey, Benjamin, “Mr. Russells. Head of North East,” [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **442** IV, 69

After observing troops landing in Elk River, [Maryland], Rumsey came to North East, [Maryland]; two deserters, “Wirtembergers,” said they were in Rhode Island 6 weeks; [Margravine of] Anspach’s Regiment and 2 others were still there; 3 Hessian regiments are at New York City; British fleet is 20 ships of war, 12 double-deckers and 280 transports; Gens. [Sir William] Howe, [Charles, Lord] Cornwallis and [James] Grant are with army, [Admiral Richard], Lord Howe with fleet; army here is 3 deep “in Battle Array” from Elk Ferry to Head of Elk (2 miles); Cecil County records have been destroyed; postscript reports British are enlisting “all Negroes & Serv.^{ts}” by promise of fine clothes.

A.L.S. 1 p.

[1777 Aug?] 26 Paca, William, [Chestertown, Maryland?]. To Samuel Chase, Philadelphia. **443** IV, 103

Your horse has been taken care of; the governor sent on flints, also information that Susquehannah Ferry has been taken by the British; companies are to go to Harford and Cecil Counties to wait further orders; will have headquarters at head of Sassafras till [William] Richardson arrives; Mathew Tilghman reports his country as ready; 400 stand of arms are here; blank commissions are ready to be filled; dead horses from enemy fleet fill the wayside; letter for Mrs. John Willing is enclosed; “take care of John.”

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1777 Aug. 27 Hooper, Henry, Cambridge, [Maryland]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **444** X, 13

Letter of August 24 is acknowledged; effective arms “among us” are small; small ball and “mould shot” are needed, also cartridge paper, flints, camp kettles and tents; march will be to head of the Bay; list of medicine for militia is enclosed.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1777 Aug. 29 Carson, William, [———]. To William Paca, Newtown, [Maryland]. **445** IV, 100

Reports Hessians were pursued into “Welsh Track,” [Delaware(?)]; they plundered houses within a mile; now Hessians are encamped on Gray’s Hill, near Elk; militia is at Iron Hill and Gens. [Adam] Stephen and [Nathanael] Greene have divisions at Whit Clay Bridge; American light troops are 5 miles away at “Akins Tavarn.”

A.L.S. Enclosed in **447.**

Before **[1777** Aug. 30] Receipt. **446** IV, 98a

Receipt for 12 barrels of powder, 2 tons lead, 50 tents, 20 gunflints, 2 reams cartridge paper and 200 5lb shot delivered to [Gerard(?)] Hopkins.

D. 1 p.

1777 Aug. 30 Paca, William [Chestertown, Maryland?]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **447** IV, 97

Letter sent by Capt. [James] Campbell has arrived; the captain has encamped above the town; army will go to Sassafras River on September 3; Maj. [Thomas] Smyth brings news of Col. [William] Richardson; militia can march September 1; cartridges are being made; 200 guns can be spared; Samuel Chew, Charles Gordon, and Alexander Williamson have not formed a militia but Daniel Heath "has taken a very spirited and active part in our Cause"; no news comes from Talbot County; [Mathew] Tilghman promises to do "what he can," but Robert Goldsborough hasn't replied; Gen. [John] Cadwalader is to assume charge of militia; his letter is enclosed; Washington wrote from Christiana Bridge, [Delaware] on August 20; prisoners had then been taken; [William] Carson has written an account which is enclosed; to get lead, clock and window weights have been taken; a brig from [———] Flannigan's, Philadelphia, is here; sails must be taken for tenting and brig forbidden to leave "by the advice of the General"; all vessels should be stopped as their cargo makes fine prize for the British; Thomas Smyth and [Michael] Earle also join in this advice; medical supplies and 3 lb cannon-balls are needed; no part of enemy troops have landed "on this side of Elk"; [Henry] Hollingsworth is reported wounded by enemy fire; [William] Hemsley and Paca go to Queen Anne's County for a day; Samuel Chase should be informed about his horse; measures to conserve grain should be carefully considered; Congress has sent $10,000.

A.L.S. 7 pp. Encloses **440, 445.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.* XVI, 352-354.

1777 Sept. 3 Gibson, John, "Board of Treasury," Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **448** IX, 10

Is forwarding "Eight hundred Ticketts of the United States Lottery agreeable to the Resolution of Congress" of August 6; Congress has the success of the Lottery "deeply at Heart," for if it fails there will be a number of bad effects; therefore the Board urges the Governor and Council to make every effort to encourage the sale of tickets.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 360.

1777 Sept. 3 Paca, William, Chestertown, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson, Baltimore. **449** IV, 95

Capt. [———] Yardley has delivered governor's letter; flour is needed; Col. [John Stone(?)] is ill but his battalion moves to headquarters today; 500 militia are ready; "this side of Elk to Bohemia Ferry up to Warwick has been laid waste" by light horse troops which encamped at Charles Jordan's; Kent troops may soon encounter this enemy; Col. [Mordecai] Gist sends no news and Col. [William] Richardson is ill; Gen. [John] Cadwalader is honored and respected; irregularity of his appointment is irritating; harmony among generals is essential; 9 deserters, 7 of them sailors, have been taken here.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

1777 Sept. 6 Hospital List of Companies commanded by Capt. [Alexander] Furnival and Capt. [Richard(?)] Dorsey. **450** IX, 205

Under headings of "Enterance," "company," "Men's homes," "disorder," "discharged," and "died" lists 32 names, viz:

John Fitzpatrick
John Mahony
John Quin
John Odonnel
Thomas Glisome
Thomas Yates
Thomas York
Mathew McMaken
John Sandell
Howel Lewis
Robert Crage
Zephaniah White
Daniel Neill
Thomas Robertson
John Haward
Cornelious Forester
Edward Cocklin
Robert Thompson
Thomas Conner
David Welch
John Garman
Rodger Odonnel
Daniel Dunnahow
Pat Shackness
Alexander Forester
Alexander McMullen
John Brady
John Handlin
Henry Carroll
William Forbes
William Whittins
[———] Day

D. Signed by G[eorge] Gale. 1 p.

1777 Paca, William, Chestertown, Maryland. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **451**

Sept. 6 IV, 105 Letter accompanies the Rev. John Patterson, “the most provoking exasperating mortal that ever existed”; Patterson has connived with “one Chambers of this County”; Chambers is leading the enemy in its plundering parties; in Queen Anne’s and Caroline counties an “insurrection,” headed by a Methodist preacher, has broken out; Col. [William] Richardson is in Caroline County to suppress the revolt; Col. [Mordecai] Gist is in command; horse troops are being formed in Kent and Queen Anne’s counties; no news has been received about Washington; commissions are needed here.

A.L.S. 2 pp. Left margin mutilated.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 364, 365.

1777 Rumsey, Benjamin, [———]. To Thomas Johnson, Jr., “Baltimore Town.” **452**

Sept. 6 IV, 67 Two deserters were caught in Gunpowder Neck by Lt. [———] Thomas; they have been sent to the Governor; their report indicates half the British fleet goes to Delaware Bay and half to York River; Gen. [William] Howe landed 18,000 men; 64 “gun ships” have only a crew of 414 aboard; Negroes were taken aboard accompanying merchant ships and will be sold in West Indies; congratulations are due the governor on “the affair of Bennington the Raising of the Siege of Fort Stanwix, [New York].”

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 365.

1777 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **453**

Sept. 10 VI, 33 Resolution ordering that interest which shall come due on loan office certificates be paid at the loan offices in bills of exchange on Commissioners of the United States in Paris, at the rate of five livres for one Spanish dollar, or in Continental bills of credit.

“Extract from the minutes.”

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, VIII, 730-731.

1777 Paca, William, Chestertown, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **454**

Sept. 26 IV, 96 Col. [John] Stone’s letter is inclosed; Gen. [Horatio] Gates is in [Gen. John] Burgoyne’s front and [Gen. Benjamin] Lincoln in his rear; Americans were routed and 50 of Wayne’s men killed; one-third of arms were lost; British fleet has plundered but necessity of guarding against Negro uprising hampered defense; [Col. William] Richardson’s militia “made a Tolerable Appearance”; whereabouts of C[harles] Wallace are unknown; will soon go to Congress; army of 20,000 is anticipated; postscript states that [Anthony] Wayne and [William] Smallwood were in Pennsylvania at Jame’s Tavern waiting for Washington.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

[1777 Memorandum regarding British losses in the Battle of Germantown. **455**

Oct. 4-7] VI, 37 “Major Clark Aid de Camp to Gen. Green Says Genl. [———] Agnew, Col. [Robert] Abercromby, Col. [———] Byrd, Col. [Giles] Wolcot and Genl. [———] Detteisters Son were Killed & Genl. [Wilhelm, Baron von] Knyphausen wounded—between 2 & 300 Wagon load of wounded carried to the Citty—Genl. [William] Howe refused to permit the Cittizens viewing the field of Battle—other Reports say Gen. [Sir William(?)] Erskine was dangerously wounded & Genl. [James] Grant killed.”

D. 1 p.

1777 “Extract of a Letter from Camp.” **456**

Oct. 5 VI, 36 “Our officers have suffered very much”; Gen. [Francis] Nash had his hip shattered; Col. [John] Stone is shot through the ankle; Col. [Josias Carvill] Hall is wounded; Col. [James(?)] Hendricks is wounded in the head, but not dangerously; Jack White is shot through the chest; "Lord Sterling and Gen. [Thomas] Conway had their horses shot under them."

Extract.

L. 1 p.

1777 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **457**
Oct. 6 Resolution repealing so much of the Resolution of March 23, 1776 as VI, 39
directs that the wages of seamen taken on board British merchant vessels be paid out of prize money; the crew and all British subjects captured on any prize made by any Continental vessel of war are to be hereafter considered as prisoners of war; states requested to pass laws declaring any person conspiring to destroy any provisions or stores or conspiring to destroy or betray any vessel to the enemy shall upon conviction suffer death without benefit of clergy.

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IX, 776-777.

1777 Mifflin, John, Trenton, [New Jersey]. To Maj. Gen. [Thomas] Mifflin. **458**
Oct. 7 Miss Lucy Leonard has arrived from Philadelphia (having a pass from Gen. VI, 40
[Charles] Cornwallis) with good news of the action of October 4; several British officers had declared in her presence that the attack was made with great judgment and bravery and "that they had not received such a drubbing since Bunker hill"; Gen. [———] Agnue was killed and Gen. [James] Grant mortally wounded; many other officers killed and wounded, rooms were engaged at Mrs. [———] Yard's for six; "british officers wear long faces, and the Tories cry they must leave the city with Gen. [William] Howe; Mrs. ——— Kersely has received Dr. [William] Shippen's house as a reward for services done; Mrs. House and [———] are ordered out of yours & Mr. ——— Dickason's; a gentleman says [Wilhelm, Baron von] Knyphausen is killed and all stores of value removed from here."

Copy.

L. 2 pp.

1777 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **459**
Oct. 8 Resolution giving the thanks of Congress to Gen. Washington for his well VI, 38
concerted attack on the enemy near Germantown, [Pennsylvania] on October 4 and "to the Officers and Soldiers of the Army for their brave Exertions on that Occasion."

Copy.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IX, 785.

1777 Chase, Samuel, York, [Pennsylvania]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **460**
Oct. 10 Incloses "best accounts" of battle on October 4; Gen. [Benedict] Arnold's IV, 89
letter of September 29 reports British and American armies approaching each other; Capt. [John] Barry is reported to have retaken the Delaware.

A.L.S. Partly illegible 1 p.

1777 Chase, Samuel, York, [Pennsylvania]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **461**
Oct. 10 The Deputy Quarter Master of Georgia, Maj. [Peter] Tarling, took letter IV, 90
earlier; now there appears Council's letter of October 8; petition of [———] Brothers and [———] Doffler was given to Congress; Dr. [John] Witherspoon has asked for damage done by Col. [John H.] Stone's Regiment; Capt. [James] Cox, brigade major for Col. [John H.] Stone, reports Stone at John Shialy's(?), 32 miles from Philadelphia; Drs. [———] Craigg, [John(?)] Cockran, and [———] Wallace attend; Maj. [Uriah] Forrest was wounded by musketry;

Capts. [Benjamin] Brookes, [William Sprigg] Bowie, and [Levin] Laurence(?) were wounded and Col. [Josias Carvill] Hall's horse flung him; Maj. [James] Cox was killed and Col. [Luke] Marbury is missing; Gen. [Thomas] Mifflin has received a similar report; Fort Island was in our possession October 5; forces from Billingsport, [Pennsylvania] went to reinforce Howe; the Delaware was not retaken; [Benjamin] Rumsey will relieve Chase later at Assembly; duty in House of Delegates commences by October 20.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 395, 396 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, II, 513.

1777 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **462**
Oct. 10 Resolution, based on information regarding irregularities committed by the VI, 34
4th Georgia Battalion commanded by Col. [John] White, ordering Col. White to march his regiment to Georgia taking care to prevent future irregularities; Gov. [Thomas] Johnson is requested to appoint a person to evaluate the damages done by the said regiment in Maryland and send an account to the regimental paymaster who is to deduct the amount from the pay of the regiment and pay it to Gov. Johnson for the benefit of the sufferers.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IX, 792-793.

1777 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **463**
Oct. 10 Contents same as **462** with note appended stating "I gave a Copy of the VI, 35
above attested to one of the Petitioners."

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

1777 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **464**
Oct. 14 Resolution, adopted because the British have condemned in their courts VI, 12
of admiralty as lawful prizes vessels which have been brought into their ports by masters betraying the trust reposed in them, directing that vessels of British subjects, not inhabitants of Bermuda or of the Bahama Islands, shall be adjudged lawful prizes if taken into the ports of the United States.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IX, 802.

1777 Smith, Hugh, Kingston, [New York]. To Gen. [———]. **465**
Oct. 15 Chairman of the Committee of the City of Albany sent news to the Presi- IV, 77
dent of the [New York] Council of Safety; at 8 p.m., October 14, Gen. [John] Burgoyne surrendered himself and armies as prisoners; they will march to Fish Creek, [New York] and ground arms; the Massachusetts government is to accept them.

L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **467.**

1777 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] **466**
Oct. 18 Johnson. IX, 5

The low supply of lead in the Continental magazines exposes the Army to great danger; although reluctant to do so, the Board of War is compelled by urgent demands to request the loan of whatever lead can be spared by Maryland.

Duplicate.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 400.

1777
Oct. 21

Smith, W[illiam], York, [Pennsylvania]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson, Jr.]

Encloses copy of letter sent by committee of Albany; Gov. [George] Clinton's letter gives similar information; letter sent Congress by Gen. [Thomas] Mifflin is also enclosed; 7,000 men are to attack Rhode Island October 22; trusts that in next letter he can announce "these invaders have entirely left and abandoned this state"; postscript asks that assembly be notified.

A.L.S. Nearly illegible. 1 p. Encloses **465.**

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IV, 76

1777
Nov. 1

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution recommending that the United States set apart Thursday, December 18 "for solemn thanksgiving and praise."

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IX, 854-855.

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[Before
1777
Nov. 1]

Resolution of Congress.

Capt. James Nicholson is to be suspended for contemptuous letter written to Governor of Maryland; resolution is to be shown Captain; he must "make the Satisfaction required"; men impressed by Nicholson are to be dismissed.

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **470.**

469
IV, 74

1777
Nov. 1

Smith, William, York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Capitulation of Gen. [John] Burgoyne was sent in October; Col. [Thomas] Hartley wrote on October 30 to say that [Charles], Lord Cornwallis had planned to attack Red Bank, [New Jersey]; 4,000 men will cross Coopers Ferry on the Delaware river to reach Ft. Mifflin; after Council of War plan was suspended; Congressional resolution is inclosed.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **469.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 407.

470
IV, 75

1777
Nov. 10

Peters, Richard, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. T[homas] Johnson.

"Not having rece'd. an Answer to the Letter on the other side" and the need for lead continuing, a duplicate is being sent and the request repeated.

A.L.S. 1 p.

471
IX, 5a

1777
Nov. 19

Peters, Richard, "War Office," York, [Pennsylvania]. To William Lux, "Continental Agent," Baltimore.

Order to deliver "one thousand of the Continental Stands of Arms" to the order of Gov. Thomas Johnson and the Council of Maryland.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **473.**

472
IX, 8

1777
Nov. 19

Peters, Richard, "War Office," York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Encloses an order on William Lux, Continental Agent, for one thousand stand of arms in partial return of those borrowed by Congress from Maryland; the rest will be repaid as soon as they can be spared; hopes Maryland will furnish whatever lead can be spared.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **472.**

473
IX, 7

1777
Nov. 22

Appointment.

John Hanson, Jr., George Murdock, and Stephen Rensberg or any two of them appointed to value the damage mentioned in **462.**

A.D. Signed by Thomas Johnson. 1 p.

474
VI, 34a

1777 Nov. 25 Peters, Richard, "War Office," York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **475** IX, 9

Requests that the laws and ordinances of Maryland regulating the militia be transmitted to the Board of War; also requests a list of the officers appointed by Maryland in the Continental Army; a new department has been established by Congress for regulating the Army and it is hoped that Maryland "will render them every assistance."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 425.

1777 Nov. 28 Proclamation by Gov. Thomas Johnson. **476** X, 11

Fixes December 18 as a day "to be observed in all Churches and Congregations of Christians throughout this State"; added is statement to send copy to Baltimore printer.

D. Signed by Thomas Johnson and Thomas Johnson, Jr. 1 p.

1777 Dec. 9 Stone, Thomas, Portobacco, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **477** IV, 81

Phoenix and *Emerald,* British ships are in the Potomac; Capt. Hyde Parkin(?) has issued a manifesto offering to buy provisions or seize them; "fugitive Negroes" have given them some help; pillaging is now expected; even with arms, repelling a landing may be impossible; 100 marines are on these ships; needed arms can "be returned whenever the occasion for them ceases."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1777 Dec. 11 Stone, Thomas, Portobacco, [Maryland]. To Thomas Sim Lee. **478** IV, 83

Lt. [James] Smith brought supplies from Council; British ships lie opposite Upper Cedar Point, [Maryland]; militia is prepared at all invasion points; a "thieving party" was taken near Sandy Point, [Maryland]; Col. [Francis] Ware exchanged prisoner for "an American Master" held on the *Phoenix;* Ware is now in Picawaxent(?); no provisions from the county can be obtained by the British.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1777 Dec. 13 Stone, Thomas, "Charles County," [Maryland]. To [Governor and Council.] **479** IV, 84

Enemy is between Boyd's Hob and Nanjemoy; if Virginia and Maryland could jointly attack, the British ships might flee; their *Phoenix* has run aground "more than once"; Col [Francis] Ware has served well as county lieutenant.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1777 Dec. 17 Selby, William, Jr., [Worcester County, Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **480** IX, 206

Refuses commission as sheriff; suggests Benjamin Purnell in the post; Josiah Polk also knows Purnell.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1777 Dec. 20 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **481** VI, 10

Resolution recommending that the states appoint persons to seize articles of clothing, stock, and other provisions necessary for the army which are owned for purpose of sale and not for private use; they are also to appoint persons to superintend the tradesmen employed in making up clothes according to the instructions of the Board of War to prevent waste; retailers should be licensed and regulated to prevent exorbitant profits; there being many emissaries of Gen. [William] Howe dispersed in the states, it is recommended that suspicious persons be apprehended.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 4 pp. Enclosed in **483.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IX, 1043-1045.

1777 Dec. 23 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To "The Speaker of the General Assembly in Maryland." **482** VI, 14

Is directed by Congress to transmit enclosed resolutions which the needs of the Army and the avarice of extortioners have rendered necessary to the general welfare; Congress has contemplated with deep concern the growing avarice of the times and feels constrained to recommend measures which the virtue of all men rendered not long since unnecessary, but now laws unworthy of infant republics have become necessary to supply the defect in public virtue; in view of our recent successes, the difficulties of the British and improvement of our army and supplies, it is painful to consider that this bright prospect should be clouded over by the avarice of a corrupt few; it is hoped that the passage of wise laws and the exertions of real patriots will remedy these evils; Congress flatters itself that the enclosed resolutions will tend to accomplish this purpose.

L.S. 2 pp. Enclosed in **483.**

1777 Dec. 26 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **483** VI, 13

Wrote to Johnson on December 15 "by the hand of Col. [Moses] Rawlins"; is enclosing the Address of Congress of December 23 "together with an Act of Resolves" of December 20 to be laid before the General Assembly of Maryland.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **481, 482.**

1777 Dec. 29 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **484** VII, 157

Resolution directing that any inhabitant of the United States who has voluntarily enlisted with the enemy and has been or shall be taken in arms shall be confined in jail subject to delivery to the state to which he belongs to be dealt with according to its laws; the states are requested to have this resolution published in their newspapers.

"Extract from the minutes."

L. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IX, 1069 under date of December 30, 1777.

1777 Dec. 31 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **485** VII, 105

Resolution, adopted because the number of officers is already out of proportion to the number of privates, recommending that the states suspend filling up such vacancies in their regiments.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **487.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, IX, 1073.

1777 Dec. Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **486** VII, 99

Return showing the quotas of troops required of the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina and the number of men needed to complete the quota of each state.

D. 1 p.

1778 Jan. 1 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **487** VII, 106

Last letter was sent on December 26, 1777; encloses an Act of Congress of December 31, 1777 "for promoting a speedy reformation in the Army, in discipline and economy."

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **485.**

1778 Jan. 1 Nourse, Joseph, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **488** IX, 26

Acknowledges receipt of Johnson's letter enclosing an order for the repair of Fort Frederick, [Maryland]; the Board of War is happy to know the Fort is being prepared for prisoners of war; encloses a copy of a letter from Col. [Francis] Rawlings describing the condition of the Fort; Col. Rawlings has been informed that his offer of service has been laid before the Governor and Council of Maryland.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 453.

1778 Wrapper of **490.** **489**

Jan. 7 Endorsed "In Consequence of this fact, the Sheriff was desired to stay the Execution till it could be laid before the Assembly." IX, 209

D. 1 p. Enclosed with **490.**

1778 Petition from Montgomery County on behalf of Samuel Glaze. **490**

Jan. 7 Glaze was fined £235 to provide substitute for son; one son died of "an infectious fever," as did Mrs. Glaze; another is in Col. John Murdock's regiment; the governor is asked to remit fine. IX, 208

D. Signed John Wilcoxen, Richard Brooke, Josiah Harding, James Beall, Nathaniel Crafford, David Lynn, Samuel Swearinger, Edward Gates, William Cannam, James Keen, Samuel Beall, Thomas Owen, William Williams, Allen Bowie, Elias Harding, Basil Harding. 1 p. Encloses **489.**

1778 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **491**

Jan. 8 Resolution adopting the report of committee on the letters that passed between Gen. [William] Heath and Gen. [John] Burgoyne and the letter from Gen. Burgoyne to Gen. [Horatio] Gates which deals with the failure of Gen. Burgoyne to comply strictly with the Convention of Saratoga and his charge that the public faith of the United States has been broken, and suspending the embarkation of Gen. Burgoyne and his troops until the Court of Great Britain has explicitly ratified the Convention. VII, 158

D. Signed by Henry Laurens and Charles Thomson. 6 pp. Enclosed in **496.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 29-35.

1778 Yeiser, Englehard, Baltimore. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **492**

Jan. 9 [Thomas(?)] Huggins was obliged to appear before governor; orders of Commissary General prevent Yeiser from appearing; if Huggins claims Yeiser paid for cattle in gold, he is wrong as payment was made "in Paper Currency of the States"; Huggins should be forced to give security. IX, 207

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **493**

Jan. 12 Resolution requesting Maryland to take measures for securing for the use of the United States salt loaded on the sloop, *Pennsylvania Farmer,* which had just arrived in Baltimore from Curoçao, [Dutch West Indies] and owned by Gerardus Beekman, a citizen of New York State who is now with the enemy in Philadelphia. VII, 155

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **494.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 42-43.

1778 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas Johnson]. **494**

Jan. 12 Wrote to Johnson on January 1; encloses "an Act of Congress of this date calculated for securing a quantity of Salt lately arrived at Baltimore for public use." VII, 156

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **493.**

1778 Buchanan, William, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Henry Laurens, [York, **495**
Jan. 15 Pennsylvania]. VII, 160

Believes that the shortest inland route from North Carolina would take the following course: from South Quay, Albemarle, to Suffolk on James River to York River to Rappahannock to Potomac to Bladensburg to Elkridge Landing, "thence to the head of Chesapeak bay is very rarely interrupted by the enemies ships"; suggests that boats and wagons be established at the several stages along the route.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 62-63.

1778 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **496**
Jan. 17 Since sending a letter of January 12 by messenger [———] Seals, he has VII, 159
received Johnson's letter of January 12; encloses an Act of Congress of January 8 "for suspending the embarkation of Lieut. Gen. [John] Burgoyne & his Troops until the Convention of Saratoga shall be explicitly ratified by the Court of Great Britain"; also encloses an Act of December 29, 1777 for punishing traitors.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **491.**

1778 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **497**
Jan. 19 Resolution directing that copies of the proposals of William Buchanan, VII, 162
Commissary General of Purchases, "for establishing a communication to transport provisions" from South Quay in North Carolina to Elkridge Landing in Maryland be transmitted to the governors of North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland and requesting that they cooperate in this matter.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **499.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 62-63.

1778 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **498**
Jan. 24 Resolution directing a letter to be written to Gov. [Thomas] Johnson VII, 161
thanking him for his efforts in purchasing salt and accepting the 1350 bushels mentioned in his letter "to be delivered to the order of the Commissary general" who will purchase what more is needed.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 87-88.

1778 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **499**
Jan. 24 Last letter was sent on January 17; encloses an Act of Congress of VII, 163
January 19 "for establishing a communication [for] transporting provisions from the Southern States for the use of the Army & for defraying the expences attending the same, together with the Commissary generals proposals to which the Act refers"; also incloses an Act of this date transmitting the thanks of Congress to Johnson for the contents of his letter of January 19 and directing the Commissary general to receive the 1,350 bushels of salt mentioned therein; encloses a Warrant on the Loan Office in Maryland for ten thousand dollars advanced for recruiting the Continental Army.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **497.**

1778 Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **500**
Jan. 27 Regrets delay in replying to letter of January 19; Congress regretted X, 66
failure to procure salt; Continental treasury is as bad as Maryland's; $20,000 warrant for Maryland has been issued on Thomas Harwood to pay for recruiting; [Daniel] Carroll was appointed on committee to inspect the army; encloses "paper" to show Congress has renounced "Doctrine of Ritaliation."

A.L.S.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 475-476 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 55-56.

1778 Feb. 3

501 VII, 164

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Last letter was sent January 24 by messenger, [———] Sellman; encloses six printed copies of Acts of Congress for retaliating upon the enemy dated December 19, 1777 and January 21, 1778.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Feb. 5

502 IX, 22

Beatty, Charles, Frederick Town, [Maryland]. To Horatio Gates, President of the Board of War, [York, Pennsylvania].

Encloses James Hepburn's letter to the Secretary of the Board; Hepburn has been afflicted with a rheumatic disorder but is still able to travel; the prisoners of war under Beatty's command need clothing; if the Board would permit him to let those who behave well out to work they could help themselves; the last party of prisoners have caused a great deal of trouble; the Frederick Militia have refused to stand guard any longer; a Continental quartermaster is needed at this place to provide forage and wagons for troops marching through; Beatty's slender fortune will not permit him to continue in service and he will leave in the spring.

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "Charles Beaty." 3 pp. Enclosed in **507.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 491.

1778 Feb. [5?]

503 X, 78

Johnstone, George, "House of Commons," [London]. To Robert Morris, [Philadelphia].

Reconciliation between United States and England "upon the footing of the most perfect freedom" is his object; he has supported claims against Great Britain; preliminaries of a treaty seem to be preparing; Morris should endeavor to prevent "a final separation."

"Copy of Geo Johnstone's letter to Mr. Robert Morris. . . . Sent to Morris by Sir Willm. Howe opened."

L.S. 2 pp. Enclosed in **557.**

1778 Feb. 9

504 VII, 165

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution authorizing state executives to suspend and appoint Continental officers not immediately appointed by Congress and recommending that the state legislatures enact laws to facilitate the recovery of debts due to the United States.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **506.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 139-140.

1778 Feb. 10

505 IX, 19

Gates, Horatio, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson].

Encloses Resolve of Congress "directing the Board to enquire into the causes of the deficiencies in the department of the purchasing Commissaries"; requests full information as to the situation of the Purchasing Department in Maryland; also requests an estimate as to what supplies may be drawn from Maryland; this information is needed for the future conduct of the War; postscript states the Board is anxious to know when Fort Frederick, [Maryland] will be ready for the reception of prisoners of war and reminds Johnson that no list of the officers appointed by Maryland in the Continental Regiment has yet been received.

"Circular."

L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XVI, 486-487.

1778 Feb. 10

506 VII, 166

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Sent a letter by [———] Lanceville on February 3; encloses an Act of Congress of February 3 "for obliging all persons holding commissions or appointments under Congress to qualify themselves" by taking the oaths prescribed and requests that it be published; likewise encloses an Act of February 9 "for restraining & preventing malconduct in Continental Officers Civil & Military and for correcting the abuse of supernumeraries" and also recommending that the states enact laws for the recovery of debts due to the United States.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **504.**

1778 Feb. 11 Gates, Horatio, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **507** IX, 23

The enclosed letter from Charles Beatty, Lieutenant of the County of Frederick, [Maryland] indicates the necessity of "a proper Detachment from the Militia, to Guard the prisoners of war now in Frederick Town," [Maryland]; a Resolve of Congress of January 21 directs that all prisoners of war be kept in close confinement until the enemy abates its inhuman treatment of prisoners; therefore the request of Col. Beatty to permit some of the prisoners to go out to work cannot be complied with; his request for the appointment of an Assistant Quarter Master will no doubt be approved.

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **502.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 490.

1778 Feb. 12 Green, Valentine, Choptank Hundred, Caroline County, Maryland. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **508** IX, 210

Offers pork, beef and corn for the Army; 3,000 weight could be found; desires to know prices.

A.L.S. Very illegible. 1 p.

1778 Feb. 13 Forbes, James, York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **509** X, 65

Commercial agents are to be appointed in France; William Lee is agent in Vienna and Berlin; John Ross is recommended by Robert Morris and Joshua Johnson by Forbes; the French commissioners are to appoint agents; the committee "for reforming the Army" has neither returned nor communicated; now 5,000 barrels of flour, as well as "all the Pork & Beef they can get" are being purchased; only Massachusetts, New York, and Virginia are fully represented in Congress.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 496-497 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 84-85.

1778 Feb. 14 Henry, John Jr., York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **510** V, 60

Congress referred appointment of commercial agents to commissioners in France, nominating [John] Ross and [Joshua] Johnson; suggests writing to Johnson in France; besides accounts from West Indies, Richard H. Lee writes [Arthur] Lee that a snow [brig] arrived at York Town, [Virginia] from Bordeaux, [France], with salt and dry goods; crew states a large number of troops are in West Indies, including artillery and 2,000 dismounted cavalry, that there will be a war by spring and that the Spanish Ambassador, [———], Duke de Choiseul and Dr. [Benjamin] Franklin have had many conferences; describes critical state of Army and shortages of money and provisions; Col. [Samuel] Smith writes some troops "have been eight Days at different times without meat"; Franklin's assassination is thought to be either a probability or fact; his death will stagnate the system in France; understands the "Committee at camp" will recommend measures for "filling the Army"; North Carolina has agreed to only part of the Confederation but other states have done nothing; Virginia, New York, and Massachusetts Bay are unrepresented.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 499-500 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 85-86.

1778 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **511**

Feb. 18 VII, 97

Resolution recommending that the Governor and Council of Maryland embody a sufficient number of militia for guarding the prisoners to be stationed at Fort Frederick in that state and that they appoint a commissary to supply said militia.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **512.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 180.

1778 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **512**

Feb. 21 VII, 98

Wrote to Governor on February 10 by Ephraim Harris; enclosed is an Act of Congress of February 18 for embodying a sufficient number of militia for guarding prisoners at Fort Frederick, [Maryland] and in a separate package, six copies of the Acts of February 5 and 6 for establishing divers regulations in the civil and military departments of the Army; Gen. [William] Weedon is delivering them.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **511.**

1778 Gates, Horatio, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **513**

Feb. 23 IX, 15

The Board appreciates the attention to its requests indicated in Johnson's letter of February 18; the price limit set by the Commissary General has hindered the procuring of pork, but the Army must be supplied at any reasonable price; is obliged for the advice on fish; the gentleman mentioned has been employed to procure shad on the Maryland side and Maj. [———] Herbert on the Virginia side of the Potomac; Col. Henry Hollingsworth is to superintend the procuring of herring at Charlestown, [Maryland]; obtaining salt will be difficult as it must not be used for fish if needed for pork; the Board regrets the unwillingness of the militia to guard prisoners; having heard of the resolves of Congress for retaliation, the prisoners are escaping fast and some officers have violated their paroles using Fort Frederick, [Maryland] as a pretext; however an exchange has been agreed upon between Generals Washington and [William] Howe; [Daniel] Hughes has not corresponded with [Elias] Boudinot; wishes to be informed about developments at Fort Frederick; accounts from Camp indicate that provisions are very scant and the stock of lead is low; encloses "a copy of a Letter from Col. [Alexander] Scammel the *present,* to Col. [Timothy] Pickering the *late* Adjutant General."

L.S. 3 pp. Enclosed in **519.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 518-519.

1778 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **514**

Feb. 26 VII, 100

Resolution founded on the information that Gen. Washington in a letter of February 10 to Gen. [William] Howe has consented to his propositions for a prompt exchange of prisoners and on a Resolution of Congress of December 19, 1777 which prohibits the release of prisoners until the accounts for provisions and other necessaries supplied them have been liquidated; the states and the officers in the various departments of the United States are requested to make up all such accounts to March 1 and send them to the Commissioners of Claims at the Board of Treasury; no exchange of prisoners may be made until the balance due to the United States is discharged.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **519.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 197-198.

1778 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **515**

Feb. 26 VII, 101

Resolution adopted to bring a powerful army into the field to oppose the enemy and to revise the quotas of battalions to be filled up by the respective states because invasion and other circumstances have made the quotas formerly established unreasonable; the states are to appoint commissioners to receive the men raised at the places of rendezvous which are established by the Resolution and deliver them to the Continental officers; the men are requested to supply their own arms if possible; no prisoners or deserters from the enemy are to be enlisted.

“Extract from the minutes.”

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp. Enclosed in **519.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 199-203.

1778 Dana, Francis, “Moor Hall,” [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **516**
Feb. 28 It is extremely important to put “the Cavalry of our Army” on at least an equal footing with the enemy; the enemy has increased its cavalry by purchasing and stealing and has already formed “two troops of Tory light Horse” which are being used chiefly to kidnap cavalry service, but they lack horses and saddles which are difficult to obtain; the Committee has decided to call upon the executives of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey to appoint persons to purchase sound horses using Loan Office certificates which will be provided to them; Maryland is expected to supply 350 horses; postscript requests that periodic returns be made to the Quarter Master General and Board of War. IX, 24

L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 522-524.

[1778 [———]. To Mrs. William Paca, Wye Island, Maryland. **517**
Feb. 28?] “I Send some of the most fashionable Ribbon & gaueze—have try'd to get Toe Buckles in all the [deleted] I hope but in vain—B. Tilghman here & sends his love.” IV, 99a

D. 1 p. Probably postscript of **518.**

1778 F [———], B [———], [Philadelphia]. To Mrs. William Paca, Wye Island, Maryland. **518**
Feb. 28 IV, 99

Personal letter addressed to “Dear Nancy” details social events; ball was held at [———] Black's, a concert at Lt. William Howe's; fashions are described; “no heavy dress is without a Hoop”; social rules are outlined; John Saunders has inquired; the Misses Tilghman are to be told “I never hear a new song or piece of Musick that I dont wish them to have it.”

A.L. Signed: “B. F.” 3 pp. Encloses **518.** Enclosed in **536.**

1778 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **519**
Mar. 1 Sent letter of February 21 by Brig. Gen. [William] Weedon; encloses two Acts of Congress of February 26: (1) for filling up the Continental Battalions with a return from the Board of War showing numbers needed (2) for ascertaining amount of necessaries supplied British prisoners since beginning of War. VII, 102

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **513-515.**

1778 Endorsement for promotion. **520**
Mar. 2 John Dawson was sergeant in Capt. [Levin(?)] Handy's company; he was taken prisoner and escaped; “We think him justly entitled to promotion.” IX, 211

D. Signed Mathew Tilghman, John Bracco, John Gordon, T[homas(?)] Sherwood. 1 p.

1778 Gates, Horatio, “War & Ordnance Office,” [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **521**
Mar. 3 IX, 20

The Board is sending the enclosed letter to Johnson for his perusal and requests that he forward it to the Agent urging him “to the most vigorous exertions” in executing the order; postscript states that Resolutions of Congress recommending to “young Gentlemen of Property” in Maryland to form a volunteer troop of Light Cavalry and a descriptive list of necessary accoutrements are enclosed.

L.S. 3 pp.

1778
Mar. 6

522
IV, 111

Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Col. Samuel Smith finds recruiting harder because of lack of bounty; $10,000 was given by Congress to be distributed among recruiting officers; battalions should be filled by early spring; Gen. [John] Burgoyne and 2 other British officers are allowed to leave; Resolve of Congress is enclosed; also statement about payment for finding deserters.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 528-529 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 110.

1778
Mar. 7

523
VII, 103

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution recommending that Wednesday, April 22 "be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer."

D. Signed by Henry Laurens and Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **524.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 229-230.

1778
Mar. 9

524
VII, 104

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Sent letter on March 1 by messenger [Patrick] McLosky; enclosed is Act of Congress of March 7 for holding April 22 as a day of fasting and humiliation.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **523.**

1778
Mar. 10

525
X, 64

Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

$10,000 was obtained from Congress, at request of Col. Samuel Smith of the recruiting service; Maryland will have to raise a quota of horses for light artillery; no invasion of Canada will take place; British are expected to concentrate attack in the East; Virginia frigate will try again; Maryland's objection to confederation will be made known "this afternoon"; copies of debates in Commons are enclosed.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 532-33 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 122-123.

1778
Mar. 11

526
VII, 109

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution ordering that the expense incurred by any state in executing the resolution of Congress of February 9, authorizing the executive powers of every state to suspend or remove any staff or civil officer, shall be paid by the Board of Treasury.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **529.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 242.

1778
Mar. 12

527
VII, 108

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution instructing the president to inform the states that the "importance of the business of Congress during the war, will require the constant attendance of at least three members from each State."

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **529.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 245-246.

1778
Mar. 13

528
IX, 212

Petition from Cecil County, Maryland.

13 persons ask for *nolle prosequi* for court cases instituted before the Revolution; county justices concur; John Taylor, William Bateman, Robert Welsh, Joseph McKeely, John Hall, John Cox, Alexander Mcloud, David Lewis, William Wood, Mary Scury, Henry Campbell, William Martin, and Thomas Jones are mentioned.

D. Signed: John Gilpin, John Veazey, Stephen Hyland, and John D. Thomson, justices of Cecil County court. 2 pp.

1778
Mar. 14

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Last letter was sent March 9 in care of Col. [George] Baylor of Virginia; enclosed are two Acts of Congress: (1) of March 11 for defraying expenses incurred in carrying out the Act of February 9 for suspending officers; (2) of March 12 recommending that each state keep three members constantly in Congress.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **526, 527.**

529
VII, 110

1778
Mar. 16

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution urging the states to send to Congress as soon as possible attested copies of all acts passed in pursuance of the recommendations they have received since November 1, 1777 and all acts which they may hereafter pass, such information being essential to Congress in its transactions.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Belcher P. Smith, Secretary pro tem. 1 p. Enclosed in **532.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 260-261.

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VII, 111

1778
Mar. 16

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Contents same as **530.**

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

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VIII, 87

1778
Mar. 19

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Last letter dated March 14 was sent by Col. [George] Baylor; encloses Act of Congress of March 16 for obtaining information of the determinations of each state respecting Acts and Recommendations of Congress since November 1, 1777.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **530.**

532
VII, 112

1778
Mar. 19

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution recommending that the states take speedy measures for raising their quotas of men under the resolutions of February 26 and march them to their places of rendezvous as well armed as possible; it is also recommended that each state appoint a person to have made "with all possible dispatch, as many compleat setts of accoutrements & spare bayonet sheaths, as shall be sufficient for their respective quotas of troops."

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **540.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 270-271.

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VII, 113

1778
Mar. 19

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Contents same as **533.**

"Extract from the minutes." Copy.

D. Signed by copyist: "Chas. Thomson." 1 p. Enclosed in **538.**

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IX, 16

1778
Mar. 20

Gates, Horatio, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

The following paragraph appears in a letter just received from the Commissary General of Prisoners: "I long to hear of the finishing of Fort Frederick, [Maryland]; I verily believe it will have a greater Effect on the Treatment of our Prisoners, than twenty Remonstrances"; the Board cannot answer [Elias] Boudinot "without previously enquiring of your Excellency."

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 545.

535
IX, 14

1778
Mar. 21

Paca, William, Kent Island, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Turbutt Wright(?) informs me that no board has been appointed to supervise Eastern Shores accounts; list of expenditures are enclosed; a letter

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IV, 101

to Mrs. [William] Paca is enclosed; no import should be imposed on articles sent her; [Charles(?)] Wallace should be informed that I shall see him in ten days; difficulties over sails for *Champion* should be settled.

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **517, 518.** Almost illegible.

1778 Forbes, James, York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **537**

Mar. 24 X, 63 [John Eager] Howard brought governor's letter of March 21; Howard will bring $100,000; Gen. [William] Smallwood reports a fleet of 100 sail on the Delaware; [Samuel] Chase has arrived for a short stay; embargo may be placed; postscript mentions Virginia and New York as agreed "on form" to ratify Confederation.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 549-550 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 142-143.

1778 Gates, Horatio, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] **538**
Mar. 28 Johnson. IX, 18

Encloses Resolves of Congress of March 19 "respecting the troops destined to reinforce the grand army" and urges immediate attention to them; Gen. Washington has learned that the enemy is embarking troops at New York and Rhode Island destined for Philadelphia and is anxious to have the reinforcements join him; the recommendation to provide cartridge boxes or tin cannisters is made because it is impossible to make the number needed in the public manufactories; specifications for making cannisters given.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **534.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XVI, 557-559.

1778 Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **539**

Mar. 28 IV, 113 Complains of lack of a continental bounty; Treasury can now supply it, because Gen. [Nathanael] Greene is now Quarter Master General; troops ready for Canada have gone instead to North River.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **540**

Mar. 31 VII, 114 Wrote on March 19 by [———] Donaldson; encloses Act of Congress of that date recommending to the states to fill up their quotas of men for the Army and to provide complete sets of accoutrements for them.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **533.**

1778 Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **541**

Apr. 5 IV, 112 [Robert(?)] Morris's receipt is enclosed; one-half of the material will be delivered to "proper persons."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson, [An- **542**
Apr. 5 napolis]. IV, 115

Money mentioned in previous letter has not been sent; "some of it" may be sent in 2 weeks; Treaties of Alliance and Commerce with France were yesterday ratified; [Samuel] Chase will write about the treaties.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 9-10.

1778 Board of War, [York, Pennsylvania]. **543**

Apr. 8 IX, 31 Proceedings of the Board: the appointment of Col. [Francis] Rawlings to superintend the prisoners of war at Fort Frederick in Maryland as mentioned in Gov. [Thomas] Johnson's letter of March 27 is approved; the civil government of the prisoners is vested in [Daniel] Hughes as Deputy Commissary of Prisoners for Maryland; the British Commissary is to be notified when the prisoners arrive in order that he may supply them agreeable to the recent Resolves of Congress; Maryland is to furnish militia to guard them unless Col. Rawlings can collect men from his Regiment; in recruiting men "no Bounty but the common one allowed by Congress" may be given except on the conditions assented to by Pennsylvania in the case of Col. [Thomas] Hartly; all arms and ammunition supplied to the guards by Maryland will be replaced by the Board; if the state cannot supply them, they may be procured from the Commissary of Stores at Carlisle, [Pennsylvania].

Copy.

D. Signed by copyist: "Horatio Gates." 2 pp.

1778 Apr. 14 Pope, Charles, "Grog Town," [Delaware(?)]. To Gen. [William] Smallwood, [Wilmington, Delaware]. **544** VII. 116

Having been informed that China Clow and others have collected a body of Tories and raised a fort, Pope collected about forty militia and investigated; "On our approach they sallied out about 150—a smart fire began"; they were well fortified against musket shot and Pope's party retired, "having one man shot thro' the thigh—one of their party was seen to fall"; from all reports they have over 200 men; "they have pilfered the inhabitants of their arms & provisions and taken several prisoners"; the destruction of this fort is of great importance and to accomplish it Pope will need "a light field piece & about 40 or 50 good men"; he has been informed that [Charles] "Gordon went on board a vessell at Listons woods last thursday."

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "Chas. Pope." 1 p. Enclosed in **556.**

1778 Apr. 15 Patterson, Samuel, Dover, [Delaware]. To Gen. [William] Smallwood, [Wilmington, Delaware]. **545** VII, 115

The "old disorder" is still reigning in this state; about six or seven hundred Tories are assembled in arms on Jordan's Island at the Head of Chester River near Edward Tilghman's plantation; they are commanded by China Clow, Mr. Tilghman, and others; they are obliging persons to go with them and taking the arms of those who refuse; some believe that they expect to be joined by British forces landing in Delaware in a few days; there may be some British officers and men already among them; the work of our general assembly is now at a halt, "although we are a majority"; much resentment has been aroused regarding "the gentry removed by order of Congress . . . your officer is also to blame—He should have proceeded as he was advised, when the habeas corpus was talked of."

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "Samul. Patterson." 1 p. Enclosed in **556.**

1778 Apr. 17 Smallwood, William, Wilmington, [Delaware]. To Henry Laurens, [York, Pennsylvania]. **546** VII, 117

Wrote on April 8 concerning the conduct of the legislature of this state and the Chief Justice in detaining the prisoners [Thomas] White and [Charles] Gordon whom he had ordered Col. [Josias C.] Hall to apprehend pursuant to an Act of Congres of March 20; "since which the chief Justice has discharged them & Col. Hall's acquiescence has discovered his want of decision & conduct becoming an officer of his rank"; Smallwood has captured White but Gordon "escaped to the enemy's shipping"; enclosed letters contain information about an insurrection in this State which would appear to be powerful, but he imagines "there is more smoke than fire"; but unless the insurrection is suppressed it may become serious; his present situation prevents his yielding a sufficient force to overcome it; he has therefore requested General Washington to press the Delaware legislature for a body of militia to assist in dispersing the insurgents; Congress also might press this measure, for a great quantity of our stores are located at Charlestown, [Maryland] where they might be intercepted by the insurgents unless they are dispersed; encloses drafts of two bills said to be in Parliament which have been transmitted to Gen. [William] Howe; the first declares the intentions of Parliament concerning the right of imposing taxes within the colonies and the second enables his Majesty to appoint commissioners to treat and agree upon "means of quieting the disorders now subsisting in the colonies"; the tenor of the bills is to lull the Americans into a state of security, they may have originated in Philadelphia; if the act against treason has been renewed he would like a copy as he has "several refugees under sentence of death for such practices."

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "W. Smallwood." 2 pp. Enclosed in **556.**

1778 Apr. 20 Chase, Samuel, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **547** V, 62

Gen. [William] Howe has sent from Philadelphia a cart of hand-bills expressing to be "A Draught of a Bill to declare the Intentions of Parliament concerning the Exercise of the Rights of imposing Taxes, within the Colonies" and "A Draught of a Bill to enable his Majesty to appoint Commissioners to treat, consult and agree upon Means of quieting Disorders in the Colonies"; some believe this originated in Philadelphia, others in the Ministry; Capt. [Joseph] Nicholson reports a number of recruits joined the enemy from Worcester and Somerset Counties, [Maryland]; the "disaffected" in Queen Anne's County, [Maryland], have risen, and there is an insurrection in Sussex County, [Delaware], and an assemblage at Jordans Island, [Delaware]; the *Randolph* is lost; the proposed cartel is broken off because Howe's commissioners did not have full powers; postscript on separate slip of paper states, "'There is no doubt of Gen. Howe's being recalled & that Gen. [Henry] Clinton is to succeed him"; this stated as on "good authority."

A.L.S. 5 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 43-45 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 178-179.

1778 Apr. 20 Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **548** X, 80

Enclosure should be sent Speaker of the Assembly; British bills are probably law by this time; cartel for exchange of prisoners is suspended, because Gen. [William] Howe conceived the treaty "to be of a personal Nature"; [Samuel] Patterson writes that a number of "disaffected" have assembled near Chester River in Delaware; [Daniel] Carroll reports a "considerable quantity" of provisions at Charlestown, [Maryland] in a "dangerous situation"; S[tephen(?)] Stewart reports provisions at Princess Anne, [Maryland] which should be removed; $10,000 was sent by Col. S[amuel] Smith; it is to be used for recruiting; receipt should be acknowledged.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 45-46; in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 179-180.

1778 Apr. 21 Carroll, Charles of Carrollton, York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **549** V, 48

By a letter of April 17 Gen. [William] Smallwood informs of an insurrection at Jordans Island, [Delaware]; is a member of a committee to which letter is referred and which will report Johnson be requested to call out 300 militia under an officer who will receive instructions from a committee of Congress; Smallwood fears stores at Charlestown, [Maryland] will be taken or destroyed by insurgents or parties from the enemy's shipping, so precautions must be taken; [John] Henry has sent copies of 2 bills which have no doubt been passed into Acts of Parliament; fears whole British nation will "unite art & force to conquer us" and believes will send 14,000 men by fall; news by

Merany packet that hopes of a Turkish-Russian settlement were ended and according to courier arriving in Warsaw in mid-December hostilities were near; the death of the Elector of Bavaria may involve Germany in a war; Gen. Washington is weak and reinforcements are slow; [Horatio] Gates will have a command on the Hudson River Highlands, [New York], for navigational security; Congress wastes much time in idle, impertinent talk.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 49-50 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 181.

1778 Chase, Samuel, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **550**
Apr. 21 Letter received from Gen. [George] Washington enclosing Philadelphia V, 63
paper of March 17; dispatches of February 19 received from London with [Frederick], Lord North's speech, which states no concession can be made to taxation without admitting American independence and some inducement must be offered to the Colonies; believes pardons should be granted those taking oaths of allegiance.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 50-51.

1778 Carroll, Charles, of Carrollton, [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] **551**
Apr. 23 Johnson. IV, 109

Encloses 2 bills and speech of [Frederick], Lord North recommending them: bills are probably law by now; Germany and Great Britain may have a break because of death of the Great Elector of Bavaria; another campaign must precede acknowledgement of independence; next winter or spring is the earliest date to expect such an event; the frigate *Raleigh* reached Portsmouth, [New Hampshire], 30 days after leaving France; *Alfred* was seized; Congressional observations on the parliamentary bills are to be published April 24; "they are not so perfect as they ought to be."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 55-56 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 184.

1778 Carroll, Charles, of Carrollton, [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas **552**
Apr. 23 Johnson]. V, 1

Text same as **551.**

Copy.

L. Signature: "Ch. Carroll of Carrollton." (Copied). 3 pp.

In another and later hand: "The original of this letter sent the Rev'd Jared Sparks of Boston by permission of the Executive to be inserted in a Volume of Fac Similies, which the said Sparks designs to publish of letters of distinguished Revolutionary Characters, by Tho: Culbreth Clerk of the Council." [1826].

[1778] Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **553**
Apr. 23 Resolution requesting Maryland to march three hundred militia of the VII, 118
Eastern Shore with two field pieces and a proper number of artillerists into Delaware; Committee of Congress, composed of [Charles] Carroll, [William] Duer, and [John] Banister, appointed to give instructions to the officers commanding the expedition; said Committee authorized to use the most effectual measures for defeating any conspiracies and insurrections in the neck of land comprehended between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **556.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* X, 383.

1778 Apr. 24 — **554** VII, 129

Continental Congress, [York Town, Pennsylvania].

Resolution directing the Board of War to take the most expeditious measures for transporting the public provisions from the Southern States across the Chesapeake; Maryland and Virginia requested to permit armed galleys belonging to them to be employed for this purpose; Pennsylvania is asked to furnish sailors to man the galleys.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. Enclosed in **559.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 385.

1778 Apr. 24 — **555** X, 79

Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

$30,000 has been given by Congress to Maryland to pay for recruits; $8,000 has been allotted Col. [Otho Holland] Williams; [———] Hamilton takes $22,000 by express under direction of Col. [Samuel] Smith; arms and blankets are coming more slowly; no arms should be sent from State; goods now at Cambridge, [Maryland] should be made up in Baltimore; [Frederick], Lord North's speech is inclosed "to shew the wickedness of the Ministry"; Congress drew up some comments which are inclosed.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 58; in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 185.

1778 Apr. 24 — **556** VII, 119

Laurens, Henry, [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Last letter was sent by Lt. [———] Thomson on March 31; requests the Governor to acknowledge receipt of letters in order that miscarriages may be detected; encloses an Act of Congress of April 23 for defeating the insurrection in the district mentioned therein together with a copy of a letter of April 17 from Gen. [William] Smallwood and copies of two letters to which he refers; is also enclosing 12 copies of a speech said to be by [Frederick], Lord North in Parliament, drafts of the Bills to which he refers, and an Act of Congress of April 22 pointing to the supposed speech.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **544-546, 553.**

1778 Apr. 27 — **557** X, 77

Carroll, Charles of Carrollton, [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Wrote [Robert] Morris about governor's request; application for $100,000 goes before Congress on April 28; Gens. [Jeffrey] Amherst and [John(?)] Murray and Admiral [Augustus] Keppel are part of commission "offering terms of peace & reconciliation"; Gen. [William] Howe has been recalled; [Henry] Clinton will serve until arrival of Amherst; Gov. [George] Johnstone writes that treaties with France have been made; independence should be the sole term; in postscript asks that Johnstone's letter be kept "as a private letter"; "Gen. [Charles] Lee is exchanged."

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **503.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 59-60.

1778 Apr. 27 — **558** X, 81a

Lancaster, John, New York. To James Parker, Philadelphia.

St. Albans arrived in New York from Hampton Roads, [Virginia] on April 25; "old Gutrich and a Son of Dr. Strohans of Richmond," [Virginia] were aboard; 130 men were inducted into British service from Somerset County, [Maryland]; [———] Graham from Hampton, Virginia, deserted American service and got aboard the *Hotham*(?); [———] Ingram of Northampton County, [Virginia] says "he intends to leave the *Colony* soon (his own words)."

"The above are true extracts from the original in our possession York Town, [Pennsylvania] May 16, 1778."

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **571.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 89-90.

1778 Apr. 27 **559** VII, 130

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Last letter dated April 24 was sent by messenger [Stephen] Stuart; encloses Act of Congress of April 24 for transporting the public provisions and stores across the Chesapeake Bay and Act of April 23 for granting pardons and recommending that the states pass laws for the same purpose.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **554.**

1778 Apr. 28 **560** IV, 114

Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson, Annapolis].

$100,000 has been granted to Maryland by Congress; Daniel Carroll will "give you the News of the Day."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Apr. 28 **561** VIII, 7

Morris, Robert, Manheim, [Pennsylvania]. To "Delegates of Maryland in Congress," York Town, [Pennsylvania].

Has received their letter of April 27 and will take immediate measures to secure for them "the preferrance of those Articles you write for, if such are in the Cargo of the Brig unfortunately Stranded at Matompkin"; he will send the letter to [John Maxwell] Nesbitt, who is also interested in the vessel and is now at Lancaster, [Pennsylvania], and "urge a Complyance with the Contents."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 May 1 **562** VII, 131

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution recommending that the states grant exemptions from militia duty to persons employed in manufacturing military stores and other articles for the use of the United States.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **565.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, X, 412.

1778 May 1 **563** IX, 33

Gibson, John, "Treasury Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

The Managers of the United States Lottery begin the drawing today; the tickets remaining on hand are to be delivered by the agents to the executive authorities of the states who are to seal them and transmit them to the Treasury agreeable to the Resolution of January 8; Johnson is requested to deliver to the bearer, Capt. Joseph Jones, the tickets he has received from the agents with a list of the numbers and sealed with the State seal.

L.S. 1 p.

1778 May 3 **564** X, 62

Chase, Samuel, York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Simeon Deane arrived from France on May 2; in February 6 treaties were concluded between [Conrad] Jerrard [Gérard] and B[enjamin] Franklin, Deane, and A[rthur] Lee; one treaty was of Amity and Commerce, the other of Alliance; France *guarantees* American independence; Paris learned of [John] Burgoyne's defeat at the beginning of December, 1777; treaty with Holland to follow; King of Prussia [Frederick the Great] prevented Hesse troops from passing through his dominions; "America has now taken her rank among the Nations."

"Copy."

L.S. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 64-65 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 218.

1778 May 5 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas Johnson]. **565** VII, 132

Refers to last letter of April 27 by [Levallin] Barry; encloses an Act of Congress of May 1 recommending exemption from militia duty for "persons employed in manufacturing Military Stores &c."

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **562.**

1778 May 6 Return of provisions. **566** IX, 215

Shows purchases of 2,316 lbs. bacon stored at Chaptico, [Maryland]; 923 lbs. bacon are at "Dwellings, Wicomico River" and 2,851 lbs. at Leonardtown, [Maryland].

D. Signed: "Jno. Thomas" 1 p. Enclosed in **567.**

1778 May 6 Thomas, John, St. Mary's County, Maryland. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **567** IX, 214

Encloses return for purchases; part made with cash and part with certificates; 1,200 is needed to pay off; Capt. [George(?)] Walter can receive the money.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **566.**

1778 May 8 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **568** VII, 133

Last letter sent on May 5 by post; encloses several copies of a Pennsylvania Gazette containing an Act of Congress of May 6 "for making known to the public such parts of the Treaty of Paris of the 6th Febry. as Congress have judged necessary to be published; the Ratification of Treaties of Commerce, Alliance & Secret will be sent when the Secretary has prepared certified copies"; postscript encloses "a Letter from a Gentleman of Character to his friend in Congress giving Interesting Accots. of the Scene in Philadelphia"; requests that it be forwarded to Gov. [Patrick] Henry.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 May 11 Henry, John, Jr., York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **569** X, 69

David Poe took $36,000 on May 10; [Darby(?)] Lux in Baltimore will receive money; [———] Brown of Annapolis wrote to Henry desiring to return to England; [Daniel] Carroll also approves of Brown's trip; no news to report since [Samuel] Chase left; enemy will evacuate Philadelphia soon.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 76.

1778 May 11 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **570** VII, 134

Last letter dated May 9 sent by [Patrick] McKlosky; encloses twenty copies of an Address by Congress to the Inhabitants of the United States and three of a Proclamation for restraining the conduct of Captains and other officers and seamen belonging to American armed vessels to be distributed so as to make the information most generally known.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 May 16 Duer, William, Thomas McKean and Richard Henry Lee, York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **571** X, 81

Extracts are sent from a letter found on ship cast away at Cape Henlopen, [Delaware], May 1; Eastern Shore frequently repeats "these nefarious practices"; bringing to trial "such wicked Traitors" will be a pleasure.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **558.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 89; in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 246.

1778 May 18 Dashiell, George, Somerset County, [Maryland]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **572** IX, 216

Recommend William Jones for a commission; Cols. [Thomas] Hayward and [Peter] Waters will do the same; Capt. [Levin(?)] Winder of Col. [John

Hoskins] Stone's regiments has refused recruits from the county; [Thomas Sim] Lee wished recruits to be handled by a Continental officer but "there is not one in this, nor Worcester County"; 50 men are ready.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Dashiell, George, Thomas Hayward, and Peter Waters, Somerset County, **573**
May 18 Maryland. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. IX, 217

Recommend William Jones, formerly Lt. in "one of the Sixteen Regiments in the Service of the United States" to command militia of county; he should be ranked captain or higher.

L.S. 1 p. Masonic(?) seal on wrapper.

1778 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **574**
May 26 Last letter sent by post on May 11; encloses Act of Congress of May 22 VII, 135
recommending that the states exempt from militia service and disqualify as substitutes all prisoners and deserters from the British Army and Navy.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 455-456.

1778 Howe, [Sir William], Philadelphia. To Gen. Washington, [Valley Forge, **575**
May 27 Pennsylvania]. X, 56

Encloses 2 Acts of Parliament [of February 19 and 20: 18. Geo. III, ch. 11-13] for quieting the disorders in the Colonies and preparing the way for peace and an Act about the government of the province of Massachusetts Bay; postscript states "to Gen. Washington the same to Henry Laurens Esquire President of the Congress."

Copy.

L. Signed: "Howe." 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 113.

[1778 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **576**
May 27] Resolution prescribing the composition, pay and duties of the engineering VIII, 106
department; the number, manner of selection, rank and pay of the staff officers are also prescribed; no more colonels are to be appointed in the infantry; whenever such vacancies occur the battalions are to be commanded by lieutenant colonels.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XI, 541-543.

[1778] Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **577**
May 29 Resolution directing that "no persons hereafter appointed upon the civil VIII, 106a
staff of the army shall hold or be entitled to any rank in the army, by virtue of such staff appointment."

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XI, 555.

1778 Clinton, [Sir] Henry, "Headquarters," [Philadelphia]. To Gen. [George] **578**
May 30 Washington, [Valley Forge]. X, 56a

Will transmit Acts of Parliament in favor of America [of February 19 and 20: 18. Geo. III, ch. 11-13] by Col. [James(?)] Patterson with dispatches from the King's Commissioner, [William], Lord Howe, and Clinton if Washington will set a time and place.

Copy.

L. Signed: "Henry Clinton." 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 116.

1778
May 31

Washington, George, "Headquarters," [Valley Forge]. To Sir Henry Clinton, [Philadelphia]. **579** X, 56b

Sees no necessity for the interview requested in Clinton's letter of May 30; Congress will forward dispatches from Clinton or Lord [William] Howe; wishes military dispatches communicated "in the usual way" to prevent trouble for Col. [James(?)] Patterson.

Copy.

L. Signed: "Go. Washington." 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 116-117.

1778
June 1

Peters, Richard, "War Office," [York, Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **580** IX, 25

The Board can hardly credit the report of "the disarmed State of the Maryland Troops" mentioned in Johnson's letter of May 29, but it could not have remedied the complaint as the stock of arms is "lamentably low"; importations have been prevented by the enemy and the old arms cannot be repaired; the Board approves of Johnson's ordering 15 chests of arms to Gen. [William] Smallwood, but hopes no jealousy will arise from the other troops; the supplies of provisions from the South have been slow and inadequate and the salted provisions in Maryland and Virginia are spoiling for want of care; Col. [William] Aylett intends to take advantage of the Bay being cleared, Col. [Henry] Hollingsworth having sent him a number of craft from Elk; Col. Joseph Copperthwaite has been authorized to execute the resolutions of Congress; as long as the enemy remains in Philadelphia, Charlestown, [Maryland] is safer than Head of Elk, [Maryland] and most provisions should be stored there; half of Gen. Smallwood's Division is posted at Brandywine, [Pennsylvania] at Chad's Ford, [Pennsylvania] and the other half has joined the main Army; postscript states the Board has taken uncommon pains "to have the Cloathing Tents Arms & Stores on the Eastern Shore brought forward"; [Darby(?)] Lux wrote he would get them transported to Baltimore, but nothing has happened.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 117-118.

[1778]
June 2

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **581** VIII, 106b

Resolution limiting the officers mentioned to one ration a day and prescribing the amount of subsistence pay to be allowed them; the committee of arrangement is directed to report what allowance it considers adequate for staff officers.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XI, 560-561.

1778
June 3

Clinton, H[enry], "Headquarters," Philadelphia. To Gen. [George] Washington, [Valley Forge]. **582** X, 56c

Is directed to transmit to Congress and the Commander in Chief of their troops printed copies of the Conciliatory Acts of Parliament [of February 19 and 20: 18. Geo. III, ch. 11-13] and hopes they may produce the desirable effect; postscript states "Gen. Washington the same to Henry Laurens Esquire Presid of the Congress."

Copy.

L. Signed: "H. Clinton." 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 121.

1778
June 4

Washington, George, Valley Forge. To Henry Laurens, [York, Pennsylvania]. **583** X, 56d

Transmits packet from Sir Henry Clinton, copies of his letter of May 30 and answer and copies of Clinton's and [William], Lord Howe's last letters.

Copy.

L. Signed: "Go. Washington" 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 123.

1778 June 4 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **584** VII, 137

Resolution recommending that the states suspend or repeal laws made for regulating prices as was lately recommended by Congress, a change of circumstances having rendered such laws unnecessary.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **588.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XI, 596-570.

1778 June 6 [Laurens, Henry, York, Pennsylvania]. To [Richard], Lord Howe and Sir H[enry] Clinton, [Philadelphia]. **585** X, 53

In reply to Howard's and Clinton's letter has been instructed by Congress to state that their sentiments were expressed in an Act of April 22; when the King "shall be disposed to put an end to the unprovoked . . . . war" the United States will attend to such items of peace as are "consistent with the honor of independent nations."

Copy.

L. Unsigned. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 125.

1778 June 8 Carroll, Charles of Carrollton and George Plater, York, [Pennsylvania]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **586** X, 57

Letter of June 2 delivered by Col. [Samuel] Smith and referred to Board of War; Smith will receive answer on clothing tomorrow; 8,000 to 10,000 suits are believed to have arrived at Virginia and more to the Eastward; enemy appears about to evacuate Philadelphia and march through the "Jersies" to South Amboy, [New Jersey] and by boat to Staten Island [New York]; war between Prussia and Austria is feared; [Jean Thevenot de] Francy informs of war between Russia and the Porte; France has detained English ships in their ports; enclose copies of letters from [William], Lord Howe and Sir Henry Clinton.

A.L.S. Also signed by George Plater. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 126.

1778 June 8 Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania]. **587** VII, 136

Resolution prohibiting the export of wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, and other provisions from any of the United States from June 10 until November 15, adopted in order to prevent the capture of vessels concerned in such export which has occasioned much difficulty in procuring supplies for our armies and freed the enemy armies from distresses which would have greatly embarrassed their operations.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **588.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XI, 578-579.

1778 June 9 Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **588** VII, 140

Refers to last letter sent May 26 and encloses herewith several Acts of Congress; (1) May 27 "for the Establishment of the American Army," (2) June 4 recommending repeal of state laws for regulating prices, (3) June 6 "for extending the allowance of subsistence in lieu of extra Rations to Militia Officers &c.," (4) June 8 "for laying a general Embargo on certain articles of provision."

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **584, 587.**

1778
June 10

589
VII, 141

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Authentic intelligence has made clear the manner in which the enemy means to conduct his plan of conciliation; "Under delusive appearances of pacific Acts and Peace-making Commissioners already their military Reinforcements begin to arrive, and already they have commenced the campaign in many places with Acts of cruelty and devastation"; Congress therefore calls upon Maryland to adopt measures for speedily reinforcing the Continental Army with its quota of troops; delay may produce the "most pernicious consequences" and public safety demands strong efforts; experience has shown that the Marine force of our enemies enables them to secure almost all of our exported provisions and therefore to prevent our enemies from obtaining supplies from this source and to preserve such supplies for the armies of the United States, Congress has laid an embargo on provisions of all kinds and urges Maryland to execute it effectively.

L.S. 2 pp.

1778
June 10

590
IX, 218

MacKall, Benjamin, IV, Calvert County, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Lt. Charles Beaver of Capt. [Alexander(?)] Trueman's company took only Calvert County recruit; substitutes and drafts could leave for Annapolis June 15th; return of wagons is not finished; [———] Lewis deserted Capt. [Francis] Triplett's company of Virginia but surrendered to Lt. Beaver.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778
June 11

591
III, 23

Paca, William, "Wye Island," [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson, Jr.

Requests governor to forward a letter to Harford County, [Maryland]; reports attempt on part of [Eaton(?)] Rudolph without authority from [———] Lee to seize all horses between the Chesapeake & Delaware; Paca dissuaded him but not before Edward Tilghman had lost a horse; "My love to Charles & family—I am glad to hear that my Brother Judge done his duty"; postscript warns Col. [Edward] Lloyd his horses may disappear.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 131.

1778
June 12

592
IX, 219

Petition of Capt. John MacKall's company.

Members of Col. Joseph Wilkinson's battalion ask to be commanded by Lt. William Dare.

D. Signed by: Philip Hunt, Benjamin Ware, Tayman Philpot, Thomas Sunderland, Thomas Wilson, Benjamin Wilson, Benjamin Askew, Samuel Lyles, Samuel Lyles, Jr., Thomas Lyles, Bartholomew Gibson, Henry Dowell, Henry Harrison, Samuel Dare, John Norris, Joseph Sunderland, James Ware, Richard Allsop, George Hardesty, John Sunderland, Daniel Prout, Daniel Fibbens, William Watson, William Hardesty, Rezin Sunderland, William Smith, William Parker of William, William Disney, John Gallerway, Thomas Isaacke, James Nowel, Thomas Marshall, Thomas Sulivant, Richard Harrison, Thomas Hardesty (his mark), William Barber of George, William Deale, Thomas Lyles, Jr., Richard Halanhead, James Marquess, Samuel Deale, Fealder Parker, John Smith, Jacob Benton, William Sulivant, John Howard, William Lyles.

D. 2 pp.

[1778
June 13]

593
VII, 138

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Clause omitted from the letter of June 10 which was ordered to be sent to the states by a Resolution of Congress of the same date; it was to be inserted in the letters sent to Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina; it states that "the urgent necessity for the Provisions" which the state has agreed to furnish the Army induces Congress to call for immediate attention to this business, especially as the present absence of enemy ships from the Chesapeake Bay affords an opportunity for water conveyance to the Head of Elk, [Maryland].

Copy.

D. Signed by Henry Laurens. 1 p.

Note. The misleading heading of this document: "Resolve of Congress of the 8 June 1778" appears to have caused Laurens to misunderstand its true nature when he wrote the covering letter, see **594.**

1778 June 13 — **594** VII, 139

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania].

The enclosed paper will supply a clause which was omitted from the Act of June 8 for a general embargo which was transmitted by the letter of June 9.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **593.**

[Before **1778** June 17] — **595** IX, 222

Petition of John Donahey, Harford County, [Maryland].

After making recognizance July, 1777 for appearance of Lt. [——] McNair, he was fined for McNair's not appearing; requests a *nolle prosequi* from Gov. Thomas Johnson; Justices of Harford County recommend clemency.

D. Signed: "Aquila Hall, Aquila Paca, John Rumsey, John Archer, John Love, Ign. Wheeler, William Smithson." 1 p.

1778 June 17 — **596** VII, 142

Continental Congress, [York, Pennsylvania].

Resolution, adopted because many letters addressed to individuals of the United States from England have been found to contain insidious ideas, recommending that the states take measures to stop so dangerous a correspondence; the Commander-in-chief and the commanders of each military department directed to execute similar measures.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **600.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XI, 616.

1778 June 17 — **597** IX, 221

MacKall, Benjamin, IV, Joseph Wilkinson, Pat Sim Smith, John Brooke. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Jointly recommend [William] Dare for a lieutenancy under Capt. [Charles] Williamson.

L.S.

[After **1778** June 17] — **598** IX, 223

Petition of John Donahey, Harford County, Maryland.

After making recognizance July, 1777, to appear at August court "to testify to the Grand Jury concerning a supposed theft of horse stealing," he went on militia duty at Swan Creek, Maryland; requests *nolle prosequi* from Gov. Thomas Johnson.

D. Signed: "Aquila Hall, John Rumsey, John Archer, John Love, Ign. Wheeler, William Smithson, A. Paca." 1 p.

1778 June 18 — **599** IX, 220

Wrapper.

Probably covering wrapper to **592.**

D. 1 p.

1778 June 20 — **600** VII, 143

Laurens, Henry, York Town, [Pennsylvania].

Refers to last letter dated June 13; encloses an Act of Congress for cutting off all correspondence between the enemy and the people of these states.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **596.**

1778 June 20 — **601** X, 54

Washington, George, [Doylestown, Pennsylvania]. To [Henry Laurens(?), York, Pennsylvania].

Advanced main Army to 10 miles of Coryell's Ferry, [Delaware River]; Gen. [Henry] Lee with 6 brigades will raid the ferry tonight; last account from

Jersey from Gen. [Philemon] Dickinson dated June 19 states the enemy were at Eyres Town [New Jersey], 3 miles from Mount Holly [New Jersey], repairing the destroyed bridge, that a deserter reported several of the enemy killed in firing with Gen. [William] Maxwell's brigade, and that the militia was alarmed but in good spirits; has requested further information from Dickinson.

Copy.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 143.

1778
June 22

Alexander, Robert, "off of Rheedy Island, Delaware Bay." To [Gov. Thomas Johnson].

602
IV, 11

Former intimacy justifies request to ascertain how he will be received on return to Baltimore; if a reply should "be inconsistent with the publick Character you fill," perhaps communication could be made through friends; is now en route to New York "to settle with Mr. Chamier"; would like to bring back articles under a flag of truce.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 146-147.

1778
June 24

Deposition of John Donarly—Dorchester County, [Maryland].

603
IX, 224

Deposes that Mary Scott told Capt. John Eccleston "she had got a man for him"; Eccleston refused the offer.

D. Signed by mark; also signature of John Dickinson. 1 p.

1778
June 24

Deposition of John Nash—Dorchester County.

604
IX, 225

Deposes that Edward Scott has "a blemish in his eye"; Scott also "appear'd to him not to be in his own proper senses "; the cause may be "fevers."

D.S. Also has signature of John Dickinson. 1 p.

1778
June 26

Plater, George, York, [Pennsylvania]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

605
X, 70

Letter from Gen. [Benedict] Arnold was read in Congress on June 26; on June 18 Philadelphia was evacuated; enemy cavalry was at Mount Holly [New Jersey]; American army was at Princeton [New Jersey]; 400 deserters from British forces have reached Philadelphia; British fleet is at Reedy's Island.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 151.

1778
June 29

Petition of Ezekiel Dean—Caroline County, [Maryland].

606
IX, 230

He is a "hired and contracted servant" for Nathan Faris; his indenture expires February, 1779; he was "taken up as a vagrant" for not enlisting; desires Gov. [Thomas] Johnson to grant him relief; certifications are made by Lawrence Hale and John Downes—in their handwriting—that Dean is incapable for duty.

D. Signed "Henry Downes, Jun.," Justice of Peace in Caroline County. 2 pp.

1778
July 7

Hollingsworth, Henry, Head of Elk, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

607
IX, 231

The Deputy Quarter Master General reports provisioning galley from supplies sent up by team from Maryland and Virginia goes on rapidly; corn sent from Eastern Shore by [———] McGannont was spoiled on receipt; skirmishes are reported on June 27-29 but no particulars have reached Head of Elk; [William] Smallwood's brigade was badly treated; rumors are that desertions in [New] Jersey amount to fifty percent.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 July 1

Hollingsworth, Henry, Head of Elk, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **608** IX, 232

By 4 p.m. he has learned more news to supplement previous letter; on June 29 an action of 4 hours' duration took place; 1,300 British were killed and 900 Americans; the enemy has gone to Black Point [New Jersey;] Gov. [William] Livingston will guide the American army there.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 July 4

Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **609** X, 58

Received Johnson's and [Charles] Wallace's letters by Capt. [———] Jarrold, who leaves with the certificate of [Silas] Deane and [William] Carmichael and the depositions of the prize master and George Digges; advised [John] Randall not to purchase rum as all articles "especially West India" are falling; does not believe Congress would grant leave to export to Bermuda and delegates deny Virginia has granted leave; King of Prussia and the Emperor are going to war; no intelligence from Rhode Island.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 155 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 320.

1778 July 5

Return of clothing—Washington County, [Maryland]. **610** IX, 233

Richard Davis reports purchase of £117 35s. worth of clothing from Joseph Clarke, Adam Houshalter, Sr., Adam Houshalter, Jr., William Coffer, Richard Carter, Nicholas Lennard, Christian Troxel, John Smith, Van Sweringen, Sr., Edmond Rutter, Thomas Winders and John Truling; bed ticking was taken from Frederick Stidinger by Col. Otho [Holland] Williams; Cols. [Daniel] Hughes and [Henry] Shryock evaluated it; Benjamin Galloway should be given order on sheriff.

D. Signed "Richard Davis." 1 p.

1778 July 5

Richardson, Thomas, Georgetown, [Maryland]. To Daniel Carroll, Annapolis. **611** IX, 234

Acknowledges receipt of letter of July 3; vessel must accommodate 500 barrels of provisions; fish is at Maj. [———] Lyles' and at [———] Stoddard's; Cols. [John] Fitzgerald and [Robert H.] Harrison have written; Col. Fitzgerald was slightly wounded; if "a Junction between Burgoine's late troops and those Clinton now commands" can be made by Gen. Washington, the war may be over in a month; verso contains list of provisions now in Potomac ready for shipment to the Head of Elk; Thomas Richardson, Robert Allison, Maj. [———] Herbert have supplies at Georgetown [Maryland], Alexandria [Virginia], Hawkins Landing, Diggs Landing and Stodard's Landing; 20,000 shad are to be packed; 289 barrels are ready.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 July 7

Petition of Alexander Gordon—Baltimore. **612** IX, 235

His vessels ran aground near the Pocomoke River; Tories from Eastern Shore boarded vessel and took one hogshead of molasses and 10 barrels of salt; two of his "Tory Vilains" are known—Smith Carmine and Zerobabel Maddox; with a warrant from Gov. Thomas Johnson Gordon could "cause those people who infest the Bay to be Apprehended."

D.S. 1 p.

1778 July 7

Petition of David Stewart and Merchants, Baltimore. **613** IX, 236

Request Gov. Thomas Johnson to grant a warrant to Alexander Gordon; suffering from plunder and robbery by a "set of Vilains" can be relieved.

D. Signed: "David Stewart, John McLure, Samuel and Robert Purviance, John Weatherburn, Isaac Van Bibber, Danl Bowly." 1 p.

1778
July 9

Deposition of Patrick Broughon—Dorchester County [Maryland]. **614**

On May 15, Mary Scott asked him to secure a substitute to serve in place of her brother Edward; he suggested Bartholomew Eason; Capt. John Eccleston refused Eason; "he would take no person in the room of Scott." IX, 226

D. Signed: "John Smoot." 1 p.

1778
July 9

Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **615**

Last letter was sent from York, [Pennsylvania] on June 20; encloses a printed copy of a letter of May 18 from the Commissioners at Paris, the original of which was presented to Congress yesterday; Gov. Johnson requested to take measures for apprising any French fleet of the "strength & station" of any British squadron arriving in the Bay and to supply pilots to any French Commander disposed to enter the Bay; M. Conrad Alexandre Gérard as "Plenipotentiary from the Court of Versailles to these United States" is expected with the fleet. VII, 144

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778
July 10

Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **616**

Congress has always considered "a Confederacy as the great principle of Union, which can alone establish the Liberty of America"; influenced by these considerations and weighing the difficulties of forming any plan that will obtain the approbation of so many states, "differing essentially in various points, Congress has agreed to adopt without amendments the Confederation transmitted to the several States for their approbation"; New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina have ratified it and only Maryland, Jersey, Delaware and Georgia are needed "to conclude the Glorious Compact"; Congress requests that this letter be laid "before the Legislature of Maryland in order that if they judge it proper, their delegates may be instructed to ratify the Confederation." VII, 145

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778
July 11

Deposition of Capt. Jacob Wright—Dorchester County [Maryland]. **617**

On May 19th, he heard Mary Scott offer Bartholomew Eason to serve for her brother, Edward; later he saw Eason "tendered, received and passed" to substitute for James Dannerly; Lt. [———] Hooper received him. IX, 227

D. Signed "James Murray." 1 p.

1778
July 11

Receipt. **618**

Thomas Johnson, Jr. returns to Clerk of Anne Arundel Court 17 Acts, the "Ingrossed Laws of March Session 1778." IX, 237

D. Signed "Geo. Ranken, Clk. Genl. Ct. W. S." 1 p. Fragment.

1778
July 12

Forman, Ezekiel, Chestertown, [Maryland]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **619**

Apologizes for returning to a "disagreeable" subject; accounts of last August remain unpaid; the Quarter Master's balance is £100; money for payment of Eastern Shore militia has not been sent; Col. [Benjamin] Chambers will bring letter and await answer; are unpaid accounts to be settled in Chestertown or in Annapolis? IX, 238

A.L.S. 3 pp.

[Before
1778
July 13?]

Petition of Joshua Gray. **620**

Being ill when oath of fidelity was circulated, he is now a "Tory to my Country"; served 4 years under Capt. John Boone; attaches recommendations of Capt. Boone; Boone desires Gray as 2nd Lt. of his company; "I shall be sorry to Loose So Good a officer." IX, 239

D. Petition unsigned. Recommendation signed "John Boone Capt." 1 p.

1778 July 13 Receipt: Joseph Jones to Council of Maryland. **621** IX, 34

Receipt for "a packett inclosing State Lottery Ticketts to be delivered to the Treasury"; note in different hand explains that "Ticketts from Richardson. Walt. & David. Reced. by His Exx. in Fredk" are enclosed.

D.S. 1 p.

1778 July 14 Deposition of Ann Scott—Caroline County, [Maryland]. **622** IX, 228

Deposes that Edward Scott is sick; he is subject to "some sort of disorder I know not what to call it without it is fits"; his right eye is dim; he has had many accidents.

D.S. Peter Richardson, Justice of Peace for Caroline County also signed. 1 p.

1778 July 15 Hooper, Henry, Cambridge, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **623** IX, 240

110 members of the *Mermaid* crew were transferred from Sinepuxent; provisions and lodgings are insufficient at Cambridge; craft should be sent to transport prisoners.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 July 20 Hooper, Henry, Cambridge, Maryland. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **624** IX, 241

Capt. [———] Brisey and son bring the letter to explain that they are among British prisoners held since "last winter"; they hope for exchange.

A.L.S. 1 p. Also bears 3 copies of signature by another hand.

1778 July 20 Hooper, Henry, Cambridge, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **625** IX, 246

David Shehawn is sent by galley; he had been drafted and twice deserted; he will desert again if given a chance.

A.L.S. 1 p.

[After **1778** July 20] "Mermaid's Men Set at Liberty." **626** IX, 242

Lists 6 men on crew of British ship, the *Mermaid, viz:* Clem Lemon, William Barnes, Thomas Dwyer, John Henderson, Thomas Dunn, and Thomas Puttman.

D. 1 p. Fragment.

1778 July 22 Richardson, Thomas, Georgetown, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **627** IX, 247

Two galleys *Independence* and *Baltimore* have been to Alexandria; the *Baltimore* has gone in to [———] Lyle's and to Pomonkey.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 July 24 Beatty, Col. John, Philadelphia. To [Daniel Hughes, Hagerstown, Maryland]. **628** IX, 254

Officers from Hagerstown [Maryland] are now at Princeton [New Jersey]; accounts of funds furnished them should be sent; mail should be sent care of Thomas Bradford, Deputy Commissary of Prisoners; arrival of French fleet is viewed with pleasure.

Copy.

A.L.S. 2 pp. Enclosed in **638.**

1778 July 25 Deposition of Mary Scott—Dorchester County, [Maryland]. **629** IX, 229

On April 26 Capt. John Eccleston came to her mother's house and ordered her brother away; Eccleston later promised Edward Scott $120 to enlist; Scott was also promised an immediate discharge if a substitute were found; she found Bartholomew Eason as substitute but Capt. Eccleston refused him; later Eason was accepted in place of James Dannerly, son of John Dannerly.

D. Signed: "James Murray." 2 pp.

1778
July 26

Bradford, Thomas, Philadelphia. To [Daniel Hughes, Hagerstown, Maryland].

Col. [John] Beatty desires a return of seamen; ships they belong to and time and place of capture are to be provided; the *Mermaid* should go to Ft. Frederick [Maryland]; no sea officer can have parole "till further orders"; they "are to be confined in Goal as a retaliation for the hard usage our seamen and Officers meet with on Board their Prison Ships—"

Copy.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **638.**

630
IX, 255

1778
July 27

Dashiell, George, Somerset County, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Encloses returns from constables of hundreds in census; clothing account shows what has been forwarded to Cambridge [Maryland]; deserters in Annemessex area have been arrested; a robber named Rigger was also taken; Capt. [———] Wilson had been shot by some of these arrested men; jail is too weak to hold them and removal should be ordered; 2 prisoners are in Worcester jail and 2 in Somerset; postscript requests answer by means of Capt. [———] Irving.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

631
IX, 249

1778
July 27

Prisoners of War—the *Mermaid*

109 prisoners received from Capt. William Campbell(?) and named, *viz:*

Richard Craigs (boy)
Daniel Miller (boy)
James Bradbrook
Thomas Evans
Joseph Ellison
Thomas Posley
John Simmon
Daniel Cooklin
John Pidivin(?)
Robert Wright
John Brown
George Wright
John Fergeson
William Rogers
William Knox
John Martin
Michael Nicholson
Patrick Oram
Francis Hamlyn
Nathaniel Ford
Robert Scott
Thomas Lobb
Thomas Sorle
John Philips
Daniel Griffin
Peter Haine
Stephen Dirby
Samuel Stephen
Thomas Thomas
Thomas Watts
John Migger
Robert Mathews
William Ballachet(?)
William Lee
Jeremiah Collins
Robert Dingle
John Davis
John Stephens
Stephen Goodal
William Harris
Joseph Clarke
George Gill
Edward Hackett
Mathew Martin
John Williams
Williams Owens Lamb
William Smith
John Briggs
Lockwood Weeks
John Tobin
Henry Hiscock
John Neave(?)
John Cuff
John Coleman
James Bailey
John Small
William Rowe
Thomas Andrews
Samuel Burroughs
John Queen
John Galway
John Mutaugh
Alexander McCarty
David Run
William Hatter
Peter Callehan (boy)
Christopher Frain
Joseph Cates
Joseph Cramerson
Henry Solempson(?)
Walter McNeil
William McWilliams

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IX, 243

John Emms (Pilot and Doctor)
William Hannah ("Drum")
John Halbort
John Cheslet
William Watts
David Butler
George Haynes
Thomas Davis
William Paislow
James Aiskens
Robert Thorn
James Nuns
Edward McCabe
James Nowlair
James Hookway
John Miller
William Lemon
Thomas Ireland
James Belshor
John Steedy
James Brown
William Hadley
John Brown
George Green
James Poore
John Black
Barnaby McGorman
Thomas Chapman
Benjamin Hill
John Hart
John Dixon
Henry Neal
John Wiles (Carpenter's boy)
Robert Toulaher (gunsmith)
Henry Wallace
Thomas Queenland
[———] Brocklington

D. Signed: "Thomas Bradford, Comy of Prisoners." 2 pp.

[1778 * Grason, T[homas]. To Capt. [Thomas] Coursey, the *Chester*. **633**
July 28?] "You will please to send the above mentioned men on shore, order a guard of 6 men and an officer, in order to be examined by the Councill"; list of men is given, *viz*: IX, 244

Henry Blundell
John Montiugh(?)
John Small
Alexander McCirley
Colin McMillin
Samuel Stevens
James Bailey
Benjamin Davis
Peter Welsh
John Benn
William Miller
William Sharpe

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Hollingsworth, Jesse, Baltimore. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **634**
July 28 Capt. [Abraham] Cox, "a friend to us," has arrived in Baltimore with a load of salt; he lives in Bermuda at the west end of the island near "some worthy Gentlemen"; islanders are in "starving condition" and need provisions; embargo against shipping to West Indies might be raised for Capt. Cox; postscript describes load as 1,300 bushels of salt. IX, 248
A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Order in Council. **635**
July 29 Resolution of Council declared in March 28 that Edward Tilghman, Jr. of Queen Anne's County [Maryland] was a dangerous character; he has given £5,000 bond; "the now going at Large" of Tilghman is to be permitted. IX, 245
D. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 169.

1778 Certificate of unfitness for military duty. **636**
July 31 Jeremiah Randall of the artillery has had consumption; medicine is "of no servis to him." IX, 250
D. Signed: "John Johnson." 1 p. Fragment.

1778 Johnson, Thomas, Annapolis. To Charles Wallace Howard, Baltimore. **637**
July 31 £9,000 should be asked for the *Defence;* inventory is now mislaid; only what pertains to the ship is to be sold; extra guns would command "their selling price in Baltimore"; one-half of the price must be paid down; bond must be given for credit. IX, 251
A.L. Signed: "T. J." [Thomas Johnson]. 2 pp. Fragment.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 171.

1778 Aug. 1 Hughes, Daniel, Hagerstown, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **638** IX, 253

Encloses letters from Commissary General of Prisons and his deputy; accounts have been collected; all Annapolis and Baltimore prisoners are to be sent to Ft. Frederick, Maryland; a guard is necessary for crew of the *Mermaid;* order should be sent to "the Leut. of Baltimore County."

A.L. Signed by Daniel Hughes, Commissary of Prisoners for the State of Maryland. 1 p. Encloses **628, 630.**

1778 Aug. 3 Deposition of Alexander Gordon, Talbot County, [Maryland]. **639** IX, 256

He was employed by [Blair] McClannengan; sloop *Dolphin* took most of goods, *Polly* one hogshead of molasses and 10 barrels salt; William Waters, John Lewis, Negroes, navigated the *Polly;* at the mouth of the Pocomoke goods were taken from the *Polly;* armed men with bayonets had committed the crime; sails were cut; it is believed that Smith Carmine, Zerobable Maddox and the two Condersons "were of the Party who committed the sail Robbery."

D. Signed: "Alex Gordon." Deposition taken by John Brice. 1 p.

1778 Aug. 3 Howard, Charles Wallace, Baltimore. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **640** IX, 252

Defence has suffered through neglect; "her bottom much injured by the worm"; William Smith has offered £9,000 provided ship's boats, bowsprits, 10 guns, pig iron ballast, 4 swivels, and 10 muskets are left aboard; first cost of "Powder and Ball" will be paid; vessel is rapidly getting worse.

A.L.S. 1 p.

[1778 Between Aug. 3 & 29] Petition of Darby Dwyer, "near Bush Town," Harford County, [Maryland]. To Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **641** IX, 28

On May 3 the petitioner was recruited by William Jones of Harford County and was employed at work by the said Jones until August 3; although wishing to enlist for nine months, he was forced to go for three years and was paid no part of his bounty except 20 dollars; he is willing to serve his time if he is paid the remaining 40 dollars bounty and whatever other compensation is due him; note: "Truly read by John Keggan to pet[itione]r."

D. Signed with mark. 1 p. Enclosed in **669.**

Endorsed "For the Perusal of Coll. [Lewis] Nicola Esq. Town Major."

1778 Aug. 5 Deposition of Capt. Joseph Burgess. **642** IX, 257

A year ago Capt. John Dorsey of Michael in Anne Arundel County and Lt. Nicholas Watkins asked Burgess for a substitute; he suggested men "purchased" from Benjamin and Edward Penn of Montgomery County [Maryland]; later at Elk Ridge Landing [Maryland] Dorsey and Watkins refused two substitutes; Col. Thomas Dorsey had advised them to hold commissions; in February, 1778, Michael Burgess learned of his brother's work; Michael has informed Capt. Dorsey.

D. Sworn before A. D. Hanson. 3 pp.

1778 Aug. 5 Receipt from John Rogers for wages. **643** IX, 259a

As member of the crew of the *General Smallwood,* acknowledges receipt from Richard Harrison at Pierre, Martinique of 2,424 livres.

D.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **644.**

1778 Aug. 6 Harrison, Richard, Pierre, Martinique [West Indies]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **644** IX, 259

Capt. Daniel Deshon of the *Molly* brought Gov. Johnson a letter of July 18th; Capt. [John] Rogers of the *Smallwood* brought a letter of May 18; materials have been stored; the *Smallwood* now belongs to [William] Bingham who paid $2,000; after July 27, Maryland pays no wages for *Smallwood's* crew; receipt is enclosed; expects to see governor in person in winter.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **643.**

1778 Order—Council of Maryland. **645**

Aug. 7 Act for Assessment of property has raised more money than necessary to defray expenses; $50,000 can be set aside to pay first quarter's payment to Congress. IX, 258

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 179.

1778 Hooe, Robert T., Alexandria, [Virginia]. To Daniel Carroll, [Annapolis]. **646**

Aug. 10 Saw Maj. [William] Paca, Capt. [Robert] Conway to get evidence of statements made in letter to Gov. Thomas Johnson; [———] Patterson of Baltimore should be summoned to Council; [Richard] Harrison is now "at a Gaol Door" and should be rescued. IX, 264

A.L.S. 1 p. Seal.

[1778 Memorandum. **647**

Aug. 10?] Proposals of [———] Alexander's(?) terms for accepting ship command. IX, 260

Df.D. 1 p.

[1778 Memorandum—report on the *Molly*. **648**

Aug. 10(?)] As received at Wachapreague, [Virginia], the *Molly* was "Worm eat in her bottom"; lacking were a jibstay, running rigging, cables, square sail, etc.; 4 of the guns had been taken out, the boat was "mended" in the West Indies; the captain reports as "supplied," arms, powder, ball, and matches. IX, 262

"Copy."

D. Signed: "Dan. Deshon" 1 p. Enclosed in **650**.

1778 Memorandum on the *Molly*. **649**

Aug. 10 The *Molly* was lauched in 1770 or 1771; now she lacks sheathing, mast, boom, jibstay, cables, and a square sail. IX, 263

"Copy."

D. Signed: "Robt. Conway." 1 p. Enclosed in **650.**

1778 Hooe, Col. Robert T., Alexandria, [Virginia]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **650**

Aug. 10 David Stewart and Capt. A. van Bibber have both written about delay of the *Molly;* difficulties over the *Molly* are feared by Capt. [Daniel] Deshon of the sloop, [Richard] Harrison who sold her in the West Indies for 6,000 *livres,* and [William] Bingham; [———] Sargentin also claims damages; Capt. Robert Conway has been asked to report on state of the sloop; a copy of his report is enclosed; the sale may be legal though the governor had asked him not to do so; Hooe has no financial interest in the matter; by avoiding public seizure, Harrison has rendered the state a service; the balance of the "Publick Debt" should be paid him. IX, 261

A.L.S. 5 pp. Encloses **648, 649.**

1778 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **651**

Aug. 11 Johnson's letter to Congress [August 5] delivered to Marine Committee; procurement of Resolution on Captures will take time; according to one Marine Board member Capt. [James] Hawker says he "struck to the United States"; jurisdiction is undoubtedly under the Court of Admiralty; Jerry [———] will give you the Resolution regarding the "Effects," which are believed to be a prize to individuals; refers to letter to Col. [Edward] Lloyd of August 10 for news. X, 59

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 181-182; and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 368.

1778 Conway, Robert, Alexandria, [Virginia]. To [———]. **652**

Aug. 11 At request of Robert T. Hooe, Conway reports result of visit to Martinique; Richard Harrison had told him that he "was prevented Quitting the Island from not receiving Remittances" from Maryland. IX, 266

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Peers, Val., Alexandria [Virginia]. To Daniel Carroll, Annapolis. **653**

Aug. 11 At request of Robert T. Hooe, he asks redress from Maryland Legislature for Richard Harrison of Martinique; only friends prevented Harrison from "Lingering in a loathsome Prison" because of debts; the *Molly* should arrive from Maryland to reimburse Harrison; otherwise, he would "fall a Sacrifice to . . . *Negligence* of those, from whom he had the greatest reason to hope for the most beneficial Commissions." IX, 265

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1778 Morris, R[obert], Philadelphia. To [Maryland Delegates in Congress, **654**

Aug. 12 Philadelphia]. VIII, 8

"In consequence of a Contract my late House made sometime past with your State, they gave sundry orders for the Importation of Muskets & Powder"; a parcel of 155 muskets originally intended for Maryland has just been received and the first offer of them at current prices is made to Maryland; "you are entirely at liberty to accept or reject it."

A.L.S. 1 p.

[1778] Brown, John [———]. To Samuel Chase, [Philadelphia]. **655**

Aug. 14 Navy Board at [———] is asked to send material from *Mermaid* to Virginia; no copy of Marine Committee order to Navy Board exists. X, 60

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **656.**

1778 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **656**

Aug. 14 Gen. [John] Sullivan wrote from Providence [Rhode Island] on August 6; some enemy frigates are now anchored between Dyers Island and Bristol Ferry; Count [Charles Henri] d'Estaing sent 2 ships to attack them; he set fire to and destroyed 4 frigates; militia companies of Connecticut and Massachusetts are to reinforce attack; Gen. [William] Maxwell wrote from Elizabeth [New Jersey] on August 7 to report that Lord [Richard] Howe had sailed with his fleet supposedly for Rhode Island; no further information on "Marine aid" is available; Court of Admiralty should be maintained; Col. [William(?)] Richardson will bring "intelligence"; postscript on separate enclosure reports that a brig loaded in Baltimore has gone to New York. X, 61

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **655.**

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 374.

1778 Advertisement, Baltimore. **657**

Aug. 15 At [———] Grant's in Baltimore, a vessel "in the Stocks at Fell's Point" will be sold; intended as a galley, it could be an "an exceeding good trading Vessell." IX, 269

D. 1 p.

1778 Severn Battalion—Anne Arundel County. **658**

Aug. 15 Lists names, *viz*: IX, 271

Henry Ballman
Nicholas Worthington
John Sears
Robert Lusby
Robert Davidge
Benjamin Fish
Zachariah Jacobs
John Walker
John Boone
Joshua Merriken
Joseph Warfield
Philomen Warfield
Thomas Warfield
John Marriott
Joseph Warfield
Joshua Gray
Caleb Owings
John Shaw

D. 1 p.

Printed in part in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 207.

1778 Order of Council of Maryland. **659**

Aug. 17 Jonathan Jennings, charged with couterfeiting Continental dollars was committed to charge of Capt. [William] Campbell; he is to be delivered up to court of Chestertown [Maryland]. IX, 272

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 187.

1778 "Certificate of Ezekiel Forman respecting Jonathan Jennings." **660**

Aug. 18 Certifies that Thomas Slanter, commander of the guard of the jail in Kent County brought in Jonathan Jennings as prisoner; both have been discharged by the court. IX, 270

D. Signed: "Ezek Forman Clk" 1 p.

1778 Plater, George. Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **661**

Aug. 18 Marine committee is considering sale of vessel by [Richard] Harrison; Count [Charles] d'Estaing is occupied with fleet off Rhode Island; operations are retarded. X, 71

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 188; in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 380.

1778 Inventory of tools at Gunlock Factory, [Frederick, Maryland]. **662**

Aug. 19 Lists bellows, anvils, vices, tongs, hammers, files, bar iron, Spanish and blistered steel on hand; 4 indentured servants are named: Thomas Silks, John Eden, Benjamin Soden, Thomas Carter. IX, 273

D. Signed "per Order of the Supervisor," Samuel Boone; Oath received by John Haas, Justice of the Peace for Frederick County. 1 p.

1778 Order, Council of Maryland. **663**

Aug. 21 Directs [William] Gibson, Clerk of Baltimore County Court, to issue a writ of copias against Daniel Deshon. IX, 267

D. 1 p.

[1778 Cash Receipts—Eastern Shore Treasury. **664**

Aug. 24] Shows receipts of £10,516 6s. 10d. from sheriffs of Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot and Queen Anne's counties; on loan was £4,512 10s. from Adam Gray, John Nelms, P. Tilghman, Elizabeth Spencer and Mary A. Blackwell. IX, 275

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **665.**

1778 Hindman, Edward, Talbot County, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **665**

Aug. 24 Letter of August 14 is acknowledged; balance in Eastern Shore treasury is £10,792 17s. 1d.; sheriffs of Kent, Cecil, and Worcester Counties have not paid; payment may be made before General Court meets. IX, 274

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **664.**

1778 Plater, George, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **666**

Aug. 25 [Robert] Morris recommended [John] Holker, French Marine Agent, to handle bills of exchange; news from Rhode Island is expected "hourly." X, 72

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Clark, Peter, [———]. "To all whom it may concern." **667**

Aug. 25 Certifies that Darby Dwier was delivered to his care by Col. [James] Hogun of the 3rd North Carolina Regiment as a soldier in the 4th Maryland Regiment, commanded by Col. [Josias Carvil] Hall and has behaved well. IX, 29

D. Signed by Peter Clark. 1 p. Enclosed in **669.**

[Before **1778** Aug. 29] Certificate of James Hogun. **668** IX, 30

Certifies that Darby Dwier was marched from Harford County, Maryland with Col. James Hogun of the 3rd North Carolina Regiment.

D. Signed by James Hogun. 1 p. Enclosed in **669.**

1778 Aug. 29 Pickering, Timothy, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **669** IX, 27

The enclosed petition and certificates relating to Darby Dwyer have been presented to the Board of War; the Delegates of Maryland in Congress were asked "for information relative to [William] Jones the person complained of, and the mode of recruiting in Maryland"; on the advice of [James] Forbes they are being sent to Johnson in order that justice may done.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **641, 667, 668.**

1778 Aug. 29 Hooe, Robert T., Alexandria, [Virginia]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **670** IX, 268

Capt. [John] Rogers arrived in *General Smallwood* with sugar; vessel is now owned by [William Bingham]; [Richard] Harrison's sale "gives me uneasiness for more reasons than one"; doesn't know if governor has approved of sale; the part ownership of his company will be relinquished on request; Harrison is "hard Pressed by Hungry Creditors."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1778 Sept. 2 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **671** VII, 146

Resolution recommending that "Pennsylvania and the States Southward thereof" permit "such vessels to load with flour, wheat, rice, corn, peas or beans for the eastern States, as shall come recommended by the executive powers of such States" to carry provisions for the consumption of those states.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **675.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XII, 861.

1778 Sept 2 Duvall, Edward, Prince George's County, [Maryland]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson and Council]. **672** IX, 276

Needs "Country Linen" for overalls; nothing has been supplied since "before my Captivity on Staten Island [New York] in August 1777"; he is lieutenant, 2d Maryland Regiment.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Sept. 2 Hardey, Thomas D., Prince George's County, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **673** IX, 293

Levin Wilcoxon, a sergeant, proposed William Kingsbury as his substitute in Col. John Addison's company; Col. Joshua Beale has rejected Kingsbury; Wilcoxon has receipt.

L.S. 1 p.

1778 Sept. 3 Plater, George, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **674** X, 76

Bills of exchange are forwarded; all are indorsed by Robert Morris; Marine Committee is considering form of commissions; postscript states that Morris wants Stephen Steward paid £8,000; £4,000 must come from Congress.

L.S. 1 p.

1778 Sept. 5 Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **675** VII, 147

Has not written since July 10 since which he has received and presented to Congress Johnson's letter of August 5 and committed it to the Marine Board; encloses an Act of Congress of September 2 "for permitting the exportation of Vegetable provisions for the consumption of the Eastern States."

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **671.**

1778
Sept. 7

Memorandum on the *Industry*. **676** IX, 286

Terms on which Hezekiah Magruder will take command of the *Industry*.

D. 1 p.

1778
Sept. 8

Lewis, Francis, "Committee of Commerce," Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **677** IX, 17

The inclosed papers were sent to the committee by Col. [William] Aylett, Deputy Commissary of Purchases; he complains of practices committed by the Marshall of the Admiralty Court of Maryland; Johnson is requested to see that justice is done to the parties concerned.

L. Signed by Francis Lewis, Chairman. 1 p.

[Before
1778
Sept. 9?]

Roster of Officers, 13th and 27th Battalions, Kent County, [Maryland]. **678** IX, 278

Capt. David Crane, 1st Lt. Samuel Bullock (in place of Richard Gresham, resigned), 2d Lt. Henry Trulock and Ensign John Williams are officers of the 13th Battalion; Capt. William Knock (in place of Capt. [———] Little, dead), 1st Lt. William Little, 2d Lt. Daniel Tres. Massey, Ensign Stephen Mires are officers of the 27th Battalion.

D. 1 p. Fragment.

Printed in part in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 196.

1778
Sept. 9

Roster of 30th (Susquehanna) Battalion, Cecil County, [Maryland]. **679** IX, 277

Col. Stephen Hyland, Lt. Col. Elihu Hall of Elisha, Maj. Baruch Williams are officers of the Battalion; in Capt. Samuel Miller's company Robert Cother is 1st Lt., William Corbet, 2d Lt., and George Rhea, ensign; Will Veazy, Capt. "in room of S. Hyld."; William Mouldin, 1st Lt., and Robert Hart, 2d Lt.; in Capt. Robert Porter's company the officers are John Patterson, 1st Lt., John Anderson, 2d Lt., and Jacob Death, ensign; James Craford has been commissioned ensign in Capt. William Ewing's company; 2d Battalion has: Maj. Thomas Savin, Abraham Cazier (in place of Thomas [Dashiell]), Thomas Price, Lt., Jacob Lum, 2d Lt., Harman Arrats, ensign; Joshua George is Major of 18th Battalion.

D. 1 p.

[**1778**
Sept. 10?]

Cargo in the *Mercury*. **680** IX, 281

Sloop *Mercury*, owners Richard Downing Jennings of Saint Eustatia, [West Indies] and Thomas Savage, Charlestown, South Carolina, is commanded by Josiah Hill; its cargo is 62 barrels of flour, 5 bags of flour, 45 kegs of bread, 7 barrels of bread, 9 bags of bread, and 4 barrels of beef.

D. 1 p. Probably accompanies **681.**

[**1778**
Sept. 10?]

Crew of *Mercury*. **681** IX, 280

Master is Josiah Hill; mate, boatsman, carpenter, and gunner are Isia Hill, Augustt Angutter(?), Reynold Harris, and John Pirnall; 24 seamen and one boy are listed, *viz:* Alabaster(?) Nicholas, John Nicolas, John Battias, John Phillip Gravy(?), John Aider, John Bentman(?), John Brinam, Joseph Christian, Manuel Pascave(?), Henry Brackett, James Hinsworth, John Martin, Nathaniel Donele(?) [———] Grandison, William Hilton, Thomas Rinston(?), William Gaynor, Edward Bucks, Antony Lianim(?), John Love, Isaac Rearton, Joseph Simpson, Jonnah Drang, Simpson Patton, Sambo.

D. 1 p.

[**1778**
Sept. 10?]

Cargo of the *Fly*. **682** IX, 282

Rough calculations of cargo with tallies of barrels of flour and other figures.

Df.D. 1 p.

[1778(?) “List of Provisions on the Fly Sloop Capt. [John] Winning.” **683**

Sept. 10] Shows 20 barrels of bread, ½ tierce rice, 6 barrels of beef, 27 barrels of flour—12 put on in Martinique—and 2 barrels of pork aboard. IX, 283

D. 1 p. Fragment.

1778 Crew of the *Winning*. **684**

Sept. 10 The sloop *Winning* is commanded by John Wyning; Peter Nantkivvel(?) is 1st Lt., George Roaans, Master; other officers are 1st Mate, Duncan McNeal, 2nd Mate, Joseph Roris(?), pilot—Solomon Styles, gunner—James Morris, boatswain—James Molain, carpenter—Darby Oarem, armer—Thomas Westly, cook—Daniel Carr, steward—Thomas Berripo; 23 seamen are listed, viz: Daniel Ramsey, John Oils, Augustus Solomon, John Rampelang, John Beveris, John Frank, John Stevens, John Baptist, Guillen Catevela, John Rose, Mark Ridemale, Antony Fenoi(?), Baptist Turkey, Thomas Jones, Mathew Rosarah, John Baptist Philip, Luke Lesart, John Bartrang, John Courtney, George Walker, Thomas Reese, John Stupes, Daniel Darrah. IX, 279

D. 1 p.

1778 Deposition by Capt. William Campbell. **685**

Sept. 10 Deposes that Thomas Seon, formerly under Gen. Benedict Arnold, was a prisoner sent by governor and Council of Maryland to Philadelphia; according to Thomas Bradford, Commissary of Prisoners, Seon was on parole but had not been acquitted. IX, 284

D. Signed: “T. Johnson jun.” 1 p.

1778 Parole of Thomas Seon. **686**

Sept. 10 Promises to remain in Maryland “on the Honor of a Gentleman”; endorsed in unknown hand; “this Parol released the 28 Sept. 1778, no Answer being recd to the Letter wrote Genl. [Benedict] Arnold though two Posts since the writing it by the first of which an Answer was requested.” IX, 285

D.S. 1 p. Fragment.

1778 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **687**

Sept. 11 Resolution based on information received by Congress that several persons in Maryland have eluded the embargo act, recommending that the Governor and Council take measures to prevent such evasions. VII, 128

“Extract from the minutes.”

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **688.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XII, 903.

1778 Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **688**

Sept. 12 Wrote on September 5 by Millet; encloses an Act of Congress recommending that Maryland “take measures for preventing infractions upon the Embargo.” IX, 12

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **687.**

1778 Hollingsworth, Jesse, Baltimore. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **689**

Sept. 14 As to report that he has loaded 2 vessels for Bermudas, here are facts: Capt. [———] Cox commanded one vessel with 1,200 bushels of salt aboard; Capt. Cox bought 42 lbs. of tobacco, “Sum Small Parsells of Bacon,” soap, and candles; he also had a few pounds of bread but less flour than the ship would hold, on account of the embargo; the other vessel was much smaller; small barrel of flour has been sold to “Bay Craft”; [———] Hoogan and [———] Erwin, at the Head of Elk bought for Col. [Ephraim] Blain 500 lbs. of flour; John and William Smith and [———] Speer have also purchased supplies. IX, 288

A.L.S. 3 pp. Very much faded.

1778 Lewis, Francis, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **690**

Sept. 15 Wrote by the last post enclosing a letter and several affidavits received from Col. [William] Aylett, Deputy Commissary General at Williamsburg, [Virginia], relating to transactions in the Court of Admiralty at Baltimore; believes "a Bill drawn by Messrs. Maxwell & Loyell of Suffolk, Virginia on the Marine Committee in favor of Holt" was inadvertently enclosed and requests its return; various complaints to Congress purport that some traders at Baltimore are engrossing flour and other provisions and shipping them off in violation of the Embargo; the latest advice from Boston indicates the British fleet under [Richard], Lord Howe with part of [John] Byron's Squadron has appeared there; it is rumored that British troops are going to leave New York. VII, 17

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 411.

1778 Hooe, R[obert T.] Alexandria, [Virginia]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **691**

Sept. 17 Wants terms on *General Smallwood* as given August 27th; Capt. [John] Rogers has been paid £305 5s. Maryland currency; [William] Bingham supplied money in the West Indies; other expenses are to be paid. IX, 289

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Receipt for muskets and powder. **692**

Sept. 18 "By Casks Muskatt powder 624 lbs. which we Recd this day by his permission & Verbal Order from Geo. Keeports Commissary Stores, On condition and desire to return him an equal Quantity and Weight of good Cannon powder for the Same." IX, 291

D. 1 p.

1778 Receipt for muskets and powder. **693**

Sept. 18 Shows sales to William Clemin, Robert Hoeflich and George Fransiscus of £811 10s. 9d. worth of casks, muskets and powder for Maj. Nathaniel Smith ("per the hands of Geo. Keeports"). IX, 292

D. 1 p.

1778 Hooe, R[obert T.] Alexandria, [Virginia]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **694**

Sept. 21 Bills have been sent to Martinique with Richard Harrison; £200 sterling equals £1,000 Maryland currency; goods brought by Capt. [John] Rogers have not been sold; vessel has been sent to Annapolis. IX, 290

L.S. 1 p.

1778 Chase, Samuel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **695**

Sept. 29 Communicated contents of Johnson's letter of September 17 to Congress and 2 Resolutions, one for permission for persons approved by Johnson to export to the Eastern States and the other to extend the embargo; both were referred to committee; "waited on" the postmaster and hopes there will be no future cause for complaint; "His most Christian Majesty's" letter of war to the Commandant at Guadaloupe, [Antilles], will be agreeable; the enemy landed 5,000 troops at Paulus Hook, [New Jersey], and marched towards Hackensack, [New Jersey] for forage. V, 75

Copy.

L. 1 p.

In another and later hand: "The Original of this letter sent to the Revd Jared Sparks of Boston, by permission of the Executive, to be inserted in a Volume of Fac Similies which the said Sparks designs to publish of Letters of distinguished Revolutionary Characters, by Tho: Culbreth Clerk of the Council." [1826]

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 431.

[After **1778** Oct. 1] Indictment of Rioters, Baltimore County, [Maryland). **696** IX, 322

Jurors present for rioting, Thomas Love, James Bosley, Charles Bosley, Zebulon Bosley, John Wells, Thomas Rigby, and 4 slaves of James Bosley; the riot occurred in "close of . . . Charles Gorsuch"; 31 barrels of corn were taken away.

Copy.

D. Signed by copyist: "Luther Martin Atty General." 1 p.

1778 Oct. 2 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **697** VII, 120

Resolution, adopted because the scanty crops of wheat and other grain in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia and the hoarding of speculators may make it impracticable to obtain such supplies for the Army, recommending that the states take steps to prevent such hoarding and that the Resolution of June 8 which laid on an embargo until November 15 be continued in force until January 31, 1779; the exemptions recommended in the Resolution of September 2 are extended to the middle and southern states under certain restrictions.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp. Enclosed in **698.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XII, 974-979.

1778 Oct. 4 Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **698** VII, 121

Has not heard from Governor since his last letter sent by [Richard] Ross on September 12; is enclosing an Act of Congress of October 2 for extending the present embargo on provisions to January 31, 1779.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **697.**

1778 Oct. 5 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **699** VII, 125

Resolution, adopted because the commissioners of the Continental loan offices have received for loan office certificates and lottery tickets of the United States "considerable sums in bills of credit emitted by States, who by acts of their respective legislatures have stopped the circulation of such bills," recommending that the said states direct their treasurers to receive such bills from the commissioners in exchange for Continental currency.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **701.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XII, 982-983.

[**1778** Oct. 7] Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **700** VII, 126

Memorandum containing a "part of an Act of Congress of the 2nd October 1778, 'for continuing the present Embargo, and for other purposes therein mentioned'" which was omitted in the copy transmitted to Maryland on October 4; the omitted clause requires shippers of cargoes to take oath that none of the flour or grain to be shipped has been purchased since October 10, 1778.

D. Signed by Henry Laurens. 1 p. Enclosed in **701.**

1778 Oct. 7 Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **701** VII, 127

The Act of Congress for continuing the embargo which Laurens enclosed in his letter of October 4 was deficient in one of its clauses; the enclosed paper will supply the clause; postscript states that an act of October 5 for exchanging Continental bills of credit for local bills which have been received in the loan offices is also enclosed.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **699, 700.**

1778 Oct. 12 — **702** VII, 123

Continental Congress, Philadelphia.

Resolution recommending to the states that they take measures for encouraging true religion and good morals and "for the suppressing of theatrical entertainments, horse racing, gaming, and such other diversions as are productive of idleness."

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **703.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XII, 1001.

1778 Oct. 13 — **703** VII, 124

Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Wrote on October 7 by [———] Dugan; encloses an Act of Congress passed yesterday for encouraging true religion and good morals.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **702.**

1778 Oct. 15 — **704** IX, 287

Hooe, R[obert T.] Alexandria, [Virginia). To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

General Washington and *Lady Washington* are sailing for Nantes, [France]; letters put in post by October 18 "will be put on board of either, or both, if you write by each."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Oct. 16 — **705** VII, 122

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution, based (1) on a Resolution of April 22 directing that any man presuming to make an agreement "with Commissioners under the Crown of Great Britain" ought to be considered an enemy of the United States, (2) on the intelligence that the British commissioners "are about to send, under the sanction of a flag, certain seditious Papers" entitled "manifestoes" to stir up dissension and rebellion within the United States, and (3) on the fact that "such practices are contrary to the Laws of Nations" and therefore "the agents employed to distribute the said Papers are not entitled to protection from a flag" while thus engaged; recommending that the executive powers of the United States take up and secure in close custody any person who, "under the sanction of a flag, or otherwise," is engaged in such practices.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Henry Laurens. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XII, 1015-1016.

1778 Oct. 19, Dec. 4 — **706** IX, 314

Gist, Col. Thomas, Jr., [Baltimore(?)]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Encloses list of officers recommended for commissions; intended for Capt. [———] Showers's company are: Vallentine Shroad, Captain; Henry Beckley, 1st Lt.; George Everhart, 2d Lt.; George Fisher, ensign; intended for the late Capt. [Anthony] Cummins's company are: Benjamin Merryman, Captain; Anthony Cummins, 1st Lt.; Thomas Robey, ensign; intended for Capt. Alois(?) Limmon's Company are: Thomas Stansbury, 1st Lt.; Jacob Foble, 2d Lt.; Henry Bose, ensign; in Captain [John] Murray's company—Richard Hail, ensign; letter bears statement in another hand, "Coms. issd. as above 4th Dec. 1778."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Oct. 20 — **707** X, 75

Henry, [John], Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson].

Intelligence from [William Alexander], Lord Stirling is quoted; 250 transports are prepared for troops; 16 "Sail of the Line" go on the *grand Expedition;* officer at Amboy, [New Jersey] says that on October 16 the British ships went to Sandy Hook, [New Jersey]; 20 copies of first and second volumes of Congressional proceedings can be sent to Annapolis; other Maryland delegates should attend Congress; postscript says Stirling letter was dated October 17.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 219; in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 456.

1778
Oct. 20

Memorandum. Fugitives from Cecil County, [Maryland].

According to Clerk of Cecil County Court, Robert Alexander, Henry Reynolds of William, Nathaniel Coulson, Patrick McGuire, Timothy Collens, William Wood, Christopher Studsill, Hugh Cunningham, James Pearce, John Boyle, Thomas Kempton, and John Shannon are "supposed to be gone to the British Army."

Copy.

D. Signed: "B[aruch] Williams Clk." 1 p.

708
IX, 294

[Before
1778
Oct. 21]

Abraham Whiltbank's Confession.

"Refugees" in New York, Long Island and Staten Island, [New York] have formed an association; 3,700 names were to be procured, proposal is to go South, to Fenwick's Island; Newcastle, Kent and Sussex counties in Delaware are to be invaded; they might land near Cape Henlopen, [Delaware); Gen. [Henry] Clinton, might detain them "as a Garrison for New York"; "The above was a public proposal made on The Commons by a person not dress'd like an officer—I remarked that he squinted."

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **710.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*. XXI. 220-221

709
X, 74

1778
Oct. 21

Henry, [John], "In Congress," [Philadelphia]. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson].

The president of Congress has just given Henry "the inclosed Copy of a Confession of a pilot on board the Flag Ship" shipwrecked in [New] Jersey; Boston is the destination of British fleet.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **709.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 220.

710
X, 73

1778
Oct. 23

Permit to travel to Philadelphia.

James Dick wishes Charles Stewart to meet Anthony Stewart in New York City; business is likely to suffer otherwise; Gen. Washington is to permit an interview "on the Lines"; contains a postscript giving Thomas Russell right to go to New York.

A.D. Signed: "Th. Johnson."

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 222.

711
IX, 295

[Before
1778
Oct. 26]

Petition of Aaron Godwin.

Requests release from forfeits on recognizance of Anne Arundel County Court; a bad bill passed him by "one Townsley" caused his summons in Harford County Court; he returned home before being called; certificate states "the Faits sett forth in the above Petition is True."

D. Certificate signed: "Aquila Hall." 1 p.

712
IX, 296

1778
Oct. 27

Henry, John, Jr., Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson].

New levies left New York around October 19; they go to the West Indies; [William], Lord Stirling writes that troops on Staten Island, [New York] are waiting for reinforcements from Egg Harbor, [New Jersey]; Maryland officers need clothing; each officer must spend 7 or 8 months' pay to clothe himself; 15,000 complete suits are on the way to camp.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XII, 225-226.

713
X, 68

1778
Oct. 29

Hemsley, William, Queen Anne's County, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Governor's letter of October 25th is acknowledged; only 100 stand of arms are in the county; "the Tories and Refugees" will never invade; General [Sir Henry] Clinton will get men on ships but "will dispose of them as he pleases"; Francis Bright, ensign of Capt. [Jacob] Ringgold on Kent Island, has resigned; James Sliney is substituted; 256 barrels of powder are to come from France by brig; postscript mentions saltpeter for sale.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

714
IX, 297

1778 Oct. 30 Memorandum. Powder at Annapolis. **715** IX, 298

Inventory of "Publick Armoury" shows 685 "new French arms," 408 miscellaneous, 160 without bayonets; there are 156 "Fowling peices" and 196 muskets "wants cleaning and repairing."

D. 1 p.

1778 Oct. 31 Memorandum. Stores at Indian Landing, [Maryland]. **716** IX, 299

Ordnance stored at Indian Landing consists of 10 dozen balls of 18 inch, 5 dozen of 9 inch, and a quantity of balls of different sizes and 13 18 lb. carriages and 5 9 lb. carriages.

D. 1 p. Fragment.

[After **1778** Oct.] Certification to Grand Jury. **717** IX, 302

"I hereby certify that William Griffin was Sworn to the Grand Jury at October General Court 1778."

D. Signed: "Geo. Ranken Clk."

1778 Nov. 1 Memorandum. Recommendation for "William Griffith." **718** IX, 301

Recommends Griffith as "a Stanch friend to his Country"; he had been to Head of Elk, [Maryland] with militia; "no person in this County will turn out with more Spiritt and Cheerfulness."

D. Signed: "And. Buchanan, William Hutton Capt." 1 p.

1778 Nov. 2 Inventory of Cannon, etc. **719** IX, 303

Shows that Fort Whetstone Point, [Maryland] had on hand 38 cannon and 50 stand of small arms, also "6 Spare Conges(?) 20 ditto wheelers 13 Limbers."

D. Signed: "Nathl. Smith Maj. Arty." 1 p.

1778 Nov. 3 Request from Maj. Nathaniel Smith, [Baltimore]. **720** IX, 304

Asks the Council to give Lt. Samuel Saddler "as much Cloaths, Linin &c as is due him for three years Service."

D. 1 p. Fragment.

1778 Nov. 5 Morris, Gouverneur, Nathaniel Scudder, and William Whipple, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **721** VII, 148

"Upon a Representation from the General the Commissary General and the Quarter Master General relating to the Distresses of the Army for Provisions and the Certainty of being obliged to leave the present Seat of the War in Quest of them" unless means of supply are found, Congress has appointed "us a Committee to take such steps as we shall think proper . . . it is utterly impracticable to maintain the army without the Assistance of every separate State"; even then it is likely that a shortage of bread will occur before the next harvest, "especially if the Exportation or Monopoly of Provisions prevails"; at present Maryland is asked to procure vessels for shipping flour eastward; as much secrecy as possible is to be observed in this business.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 480.

[Before **1778** Nov. 6] Petition of William Griffin. **722** IX, 300

Petitioner is a resident of Baltimore County; he brought in "one of the Disaffected," Christian Slawrop; John Moles made recognizance for him to the sum of £20; he has been fined for missing the court session; wishes to be acquitted of the fine for "since the Commencement of these Times [he] Most Cheerfully stood forth in the Defense of his Country."

Endorsed: "Granted Nov. 6, 1778."

D. 1 p.

1778 Nov. 10 — **723** IX, 305

Account of Sales at Gun Lock Factory, Frederick, Maryland.

Commissioners for sale of Gunlock factory certify to account of Sales of property, including houses and grounds, at Frederick; £765 10s. 6d. was realized; purchasers were: George Scott, Roger Johnson, William Beatty, Nicholas White, John Shellman, Peter Shover, Christopher Cassell, Christian Stoner, Samuel Boone, Henry Cartey, Christian Jumper, Thomas Turner, William Rye, Eden Pancoast, John Fain, Peter Kemp, John Huck, Peter Stimmell, Michael Frisler, Thomas Schley, Benjamin Johnson, Matthew Shrub, Adam Wertenberger, Henry Barton, Martin Darr, Christian Shryock, Abraham Huff, Charles Biney, Joseph Fisher, Edward Pew, Nicholas Hildebrand.

D. Certificate attached signed by Benjamin Johnson and George Murdock. 3 pp.

1778 Nov. 10 — **724** VII, 150

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution requesting Maryland and Virginia to fit out such of their armed galleys as are suitable for service in reducing the Province of East Florida and send them to Charleston in South Carolina with all possible dispatch.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **734.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XII, 1118-1119.

1778 Nov. 10 — **725** VII, 149

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution appointing Mr. [Nathaniel] Scudder, Mr. G[ouverneur] Morris and Mr. [William] Whipple a committee to superintend the Commissary's and Quartermaster's Departments.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **726.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XII, 1114-1115.

1778 Nov. 11 — **726** VII, 153

Scudder, Nathaniel, Gouverneur Morris and William Whipple, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

The great difficulties in the Quarter Master's and Commissary General's Departments have induced Congress to adopt the enclosed resolution; the problem of supply cannot be placed on a proper foundation without a knowledge of the resources of the states; this committee is most interested in flour, wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn, beef, pork, cider, vinegar, working oxen, and horses; the committee has no doubt Johnson will concur in these efforts as it is obviously impracticable to continue the war without knowing what supplies are available; Johnson is requested to appoint persons to make lists of the quantity of the articles above named which are produced in the respective districts "over & above the necessary consumption of the Inhabitants"; these lists should be transmitted to the committee with all possible speed in order "that proper arrangements may immediately be made for the ensueing Campaign"; every precaution should be taken lest "the devoted Adherents of Lucre should make a gain of the Publick Distresses."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **725.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* III, 489-490.

1778 Nov. 11 — **727** VII, 152

Scudder, Nathaniel, Gouverneur Morris and William Whipple, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

"The dangerous Practices of Engrossers have increased so rapidly with the Public Distresses, & have so accumulated them," that every friend of this country and humanity cannot but wish to see some remedy to the evil; this is a delicate matter and we are confident that your legislature will exercise due caution in the measures it adopts, "but the Confidence reposed in us by Congress, demands that we should at least hint what in our Idea may induce, to this valuable purpose"; the articles needed for the army are easily designated and there should not be too much difficulty in distinguishing between the legitimate dealers and manufacturers and the engrossers; it being only just that the engrosser should be obliged to part with his articles, the process necessary for this purpose "should be as short & as simple, as is consistant with the Constitution of the State"; the price to be allowed for such goods must also be decided upon; if it leaves the speculator his profit nothing is accomplished; if the price is fixed, the present efforts to increase the value of our money will likewise give him a profit; perhaps the price might be fixed on a monthly basis and a twenty percent deduction made on commodities taken from engrossers.

L. Signed by "Nath. Scudder, Gouv. Morris, Wm. Whipple." 2 pp.
Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 490-491.

1778 Scudder, Nathaniel, Gouverneur Morris and William Whipple, Philadelphia. **728**
Nov. 11 To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. VII, 154

The Committee wishes to call Johnson's attention to the problems created by the increasing amount of spirits being distilled from grain, this has caused an alarming increase in drunkenness which is "at all times a Crime and in this Case almost Self Murder"; as no good government may become "inattentive to the Health and the Morals of its Citizens," the foremost precaution to be taken is "to prohibit the converting of that Bread, which was meant for the sustenance of Man into a Liquid poison for his Destruction"; therefore the Committee recommends that Maryland enact laws for seizing (for the use of the Army) all spirits distilled after a certain date at a low price.

L.S. 3 pp.
Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, III, 491-492.

1778 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and William Fitzhugh, Annapolis. To **729**
Nov. 12 Daniel Carroll, Annapolis. IX, 306

Notify Carroll of his election as member of the Council.

L. Signed "Dan of S Tho Jenifer P S [President of the Senate] Willm. Fitzhugh Speaker H.D." 1 p.

1778 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and William Fitzhugh, Annapolis. To **730**
Nov. 12 Edward Lloyd, Annapolis. IX, 308

Notifying Lloyd of his election as member of the Council.

L. Signed: "Dan of S Tho Jenifer P S [President of the Senate] Willm. Fitzhugh Speaker H.D." 1 p.

1778 Oath of Fidelity—Daniel Carroll. **731**
Nov. 12 Certification that Carroll has appeared before a Justice of Anne Arundel IX, 307
County Court to take oaths, qualifying as member of the Council.

D. Signed: "Allen Quynn." 1 p.

1778 Oath of Fidelity—Edward Lloyd. **732**
Nov. 12 Certification that Lloyd has appeared before a Justice of Anne Arundel IX, 309
County Court to take oaths, qualifying him as member of Council.

D. Signed: "Allen Quynn." 1 p.

1778 Marine Committee, Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **733**
Nov. 13 The Navy Board, Middle District, laid proceedings of a Court of Inquiry V, 24
before committee; John Nicholson, Commander, absolved of blame in loss of Continental Sloop *Hornet;* loss occasioned by attack of superior force and Nicholson behaved as a spirited and good officer.

"Extract from the Minutes."
D. Signed: "John Brown Secy." 1 p. Enclosed in **836.**
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 464.

1778 Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **734**
Nov. 14 His last letter was sent October 13 since which he has received Johnson's favor of October 27 and presented it to Congress; encloses an Act of Congress of November 10 for obtaining "Armed Gallies" belonging to Maryland and Virginia for an expedition against the Province of East Florida. VII, 151

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **724.**

1778 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **735**
Nov. 17 Proclamation recommending that the states appoint Wednesday December 30 "to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving and praise." VII, 167

D. Signed by Henry Laurens and Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XII, 1139.

1778 Washington, George, Fredericksburgh, [New York]. To Richard Peters, [Philadelphia]. **736**
Nov. 18 The Convention Troops guarded by Connecticut militia have advanced towards the North River; from thence to Delaware they will be escorted by Continental Troops; requests the Board of War to make a requisition on the Executive Council of Pennsylvania to have four or five hundred militia in each of the counties of Northampton, Berks, Lancaster and York ready in case they are called on by Col. [Theodorick] Bland of the 1st Regiment of Dragoons who is superintending the march; the wagon masters in each county are desired to assist in the transportation of the Troops; a like requisition is to be made to Gov. [Thomas] Johnson of Maryland for the march through Frederick County; after the Potomac has been crossed, Washington will give Col. Bland orders for the necessary guards. IX, 32

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "George Washington." 2pp. Enclosed in **740.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 254.

1778 Washington, George, Fredericksburgh, [New York]. To Richard Peters, [Philadelphia]. **737**
Nov. 18 Contents same as **736.** IX, 21

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "George Washington." 2 pp. Enclosed in **746.**

1778 Hopewell, William, [———]. To Col. Peter Challie "with Capt. John Mitchell," [———]. **738**
Nov. 19 Desires commission for James Perdue as captain; encloses recommendation from regiment field officer, also Capt. Mitchell's resignation. IX, 310

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Order of Council of Maryland. **739**
Nov. 23 Sloop *Friendship* is condemned for use of the State; it is restored to the owners on condition they pay Court of Admiralty costs; the vessel has 150 barrels of flour aboard, 700 bushels of wheat, and 23,715 pounds of bread; Judge Benjamin Nicholson of the Court of Admiralty adjudged ship condemned and restored. IX, 311

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 250-251.

1778 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **740**
Nov. 26 Transmits copy of a letter just received from Gen. Washington and requests immediate attention to the part relating to the Militia of Maryland; postscript requests ackowledgment of the receipt of this letter. IX, 32a

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **736.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 255.

1778 Nov. 26 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **741** IX, 21a
Contents same as **740.**
"Copy."
L. Peters' name signed in the writing of Peter Scull. 2 pp. Enclosed in **746.**

1778 Nov. 30 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **742** VII, 168
Resolution directing that where forage is wanted for the troops and cannot be purchased by the commissaries at reasonable rates, application be made to the state where the forage is required for interposition in procuring the necessary supplies.
"Extract from the minutes."
D. Signed Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **745.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XII, 1177.

1778 Nov. Return of Stores, etc. **743** IX, 312
Muskets, bayonets and cannon are stored at Annapolis, Indian Landing, Harford and Worcester counties and at Whetstone Point, Baltimore; 3,629 muskets, 1,201 bayonets, 16 18 lb. cannon and 11 9 lb. cannon are included.
D. 1 p.

[1778 Nov. (?)] Return of Stores at Annapolis, etc. **744** IX, 313
Cannon, French arms, muskets and bayonets stored at Annapolis, Baltimore and Indian Landing; also gives supplies of arms sent to Charles, St. Mary's, Dorchester, Caroline, Cecil, Washington and Talbot Counties; 1,253 arms are fit for service in Annapolis; 16 cannon are also there; 156 "Handguns" were collected—"100 slender for use"; 810 arms have been sent from Annapolis; at Indian Landing are 15 cannon.
D. 1 p.

1778 Dec. 2 Laurens, Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **745** VII, 169
Wrote on November 16 by [———] Millet but has not received any letters; encloses two Acts of Congress: (1) of November 24 "for arranging the Army," (2) of November 30 "for obtaining Forage for the Army."
A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **742.**

1778 Dec. 4 Scull, P[eter], "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **746** IX, 21b
"The foregoing is a duplicate copy of the dispatches forwarded to Governor [Thomas] Johnson" on November 28.
A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **737, 741.**

1778 Dec. 9 Permission to ship flour. **747** IX, 315
David Sowle of sloop *Ranger* wishes to lade a cargo of flour for Dartmouth, Massachusetts; he must make oath before the Naval Officer at Baltimore that the flour is shipped *export;* flour must be consumed only in Massachusetts.
D. 1 p.

1778 Dec. 10 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **748** VII, 107
Congress elected John Jay as President today.
A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Dec. 14 Forman, Ezekiel, Chestertown, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **749** IX, 317
Family difficulties prevented making final settlement at Annapolis of militia accounts; as it is "a very disagreeable Season to Cross the Bay," he prefers to send accounts for the auditors; hats, shoes and kersey are still in his hands.
A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 General Assembly of Maryland. **750**
Dec. 15 Declaration of the State of Maryland: whereas the General Assembly VII, 67
has heretofore resolved that her Delegates should be instructed to remonstrate to Congress that Maryland deems it essential that Congress have power to "fix the Western limits of those States that claim to the Mississippi or South Sea"; that Maryland considers herself entitled to a right in common with the other members of the union to the lands west of the frontiers of the United States; that Maryland is willing to contribute her proportion of men and money to the fight for independence and will accede to all treaties made by Congress; that Maryland considers a confederation highly necessary and is willing to enter into one, but it must be on "principles of Justice & equity"; these resolves were laid before Congress and were rejected with no satisfactory reason given; therefore the General Assembly declares it fundamentally wrong that any state entering into the confederation should be burdened with the expense of subduing and guaranteeing immense tracts of country without sharing in the benefits accruing thereby; and lest the third and ninth articles of the confederation be construed as guaranteeing the western lands to states now claiming them and thus depriving the other states of their common right, Maryland will never subscribe to the articles as long as they are subject to such interpretation; but will accede to the articles if Congress be given the power to fix the western limits of states claiming such lands and if monies derived from the sale of such lands be used for the joint benefit of the United States; Maryland further declares that the claims of exclusive rights to western lands by certain states have no solid foundation and if submitted to would prove ruinous to the states in the position of Maryland; this State entered the war to defend her rights against attacks of avarice and will continue to do so; anyone refusing to comply with such reasonable requisitions places himself in the position of encouraging the enemy and prolonging the War.

Copy.

D. Signed by copyist: "J[ohn] Duckett, C[lerk] H[ouse] D[elegates] and R[ichard] Ridgely, C[lerk] S[enate]." 5 pp.

Noted in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIII, 29.

1778 "Instructions of the General Assembly of Maryland to George Plater, **751**
Dec. 15 William Paca, William Carmichael, John Henry, James Forbes, and Daniel of VII, 68
St. Thomas Jenifer."

The injustice and inconvenience of permitting certain states to hold large territories is pointed out and the above-named Delegates are instructed not to agree to the Confederation unless an article in conformity with the annexed declaration is added to it.

Copy.

D. Signed by copyist: "J[ohn] Duckett, Clerk of the House of Delegates." 5 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 619-622.

1778 Dallam, Richard, Harford County, [Maryland]. To [Gov. Thomas John- **752**
Dec. 16 son(?)]. IX, 318

Letter recommends bearer, George McLocklin, a tailor; he wishes to secure an order for soldiers' clothes; Dallam will supervise his work and "be Amenable for his faithfull Performance."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Oath of Fidelity—Thomas Sim Lee. **753**
Dec. 16 As an appointee to the Council, Thomas Sim Lee makes oath before a IX, 316
justice of the Anne Arundel County Court; he made "declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion," as well as the several other oaths.

D. Signed: "Allen Quynn." 1 p.

1778 Henry, John and William Carmichael, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas **754**
Dec. 20 Johnson. X, 67

Delay in reply to letter of December 10 was due to failure of Marine Committee to report; Florida expedition is a "ruinous Project"; galleys from Virginia are not ready; Resolutions of General Assembly should be referred to delegates.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 271-272.

1778 Return of Lottery Tickets. **755**
Dec. 21 Lists 368 tickets of State Lottery returned to Gov. Thomas Johnson by IX, 320
John Davidson.

D. Signed: "Th Johnson." 1 p.

1778 Henry, John, Jr., Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **756**
Dec. 22 Letter is brought by Andrew Magg an Englishman, who wants to go home; IV, 110
he needs passport to New York; he will give "any parole you should see proper to direct."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1778 Hollingsworth, Henry, Head of Elk, [Maryland]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **757**
Dec. 24 Heavy use of forage "makes me very unhappy"; assistants are: Capt. John IX, 319
Ward Veazey (Cecil county), Col. William Hemsley (Queen Anne's, Talbot), Standly Byus (Caroline, Dorchester); farmers wish higher prices; corn has gone from 25¢ to 50¢ in a week due to bidding by purchasers outside the States; if there is an Act of Assembly which prevents such practices, it should be sent Col. Hemsley at once; postscript apologizes "as I have no time to give it a second Reading or take a Coppy."

A.L.S 2 pp.

1778 "Invoice of Tickets of the 2d Class of United States Lottery Returned **758**
Dec. 31 by Thomas Richardson. . ." IX, 321

Lists 91 sheets of lottery Tickets returned to the governor.

D. Signed: "Th Johnson." 1 p.

[1778?] "A List of Men belonging to the Baltimore." **759**
Officers of *Baltimore* are: Capt. Thomas Walker, 1st Lt. Richard Brogdon, IX, 324
1st Lt. "Mariens" James Boyle, 2d Lt. John Cropper; other men aboard are Thomas Weems, midshipman, John Harris, carpenter, John Thompson, boatswain, and sailors—John Sandsberry, Joshua Cross, Samuel Willson, Benjamin Rollings, William Adair, Joshua Hodgkins; listed as "run" [deserted] are: Abraham Strong, Daniel Boyle, and Thomas Weems, midshipmen; Hardman Swing, Paul Hutton, and Patrick McAvery, marines; on sick leave are: Charles Daily, Benjamin Sutton, Able Mason (gunner's mate); also mentioned are Henry Rantford (drowned), Thomas Patterson, Negro Abraham, John Norridge, Jerry Bryan, Phillip Hurdly, Moses Guthrie, John Jones, Jissey Hollen, and John Hanson.

D. 1 p.

[1778?] "A List of Men belonging to the Independence." **760**
Officers of the *Independence* are: Capt. Bennett Mathews, 1st Lt. John IX, 326
Bruce, Master Joal Higgenbottom, Lt. Marines John Stevenson, Midshipmen John Hart and Gitting Gover; others mentioned are Barnabas Cadigan, George Camp, Dennis Clancy, William Condron, Tob Cove, John Crossby, James Curry, Joseph Darlington, John Ellis, John Flinn, Edward Freeman, James Ingram, John Lewis, William Logue, Henry Loyd, Thomas Lucas, Henry Lungreen, Nathaniel McClure, Roderick McKinsey, William Miles, Mathew

Marratty, Joseph Nicholas, John Payne, John Payne, Jr., Joseph Parkhurst, Edward Reid, Thomas Servant, John Smith, George Tollenger, Henry Turner, Daniel Waldron and George Younger; nearly illegible comments are placed after every name, as "resigned," "on board the Chester," "Run" [deserted], "time up on board the Dolphin," "Sick on board," "not good for much."

D 2 pp.

[1778?] Guns on the *Baltimore*. **761**

The galley *Baltimore* has on board 14 6 lb. cannon belonging to the *Defence;* there are 2 18 lb. guns, 14 4 lb., also guns from *Molly* and *Conqueror*. IX, 325

D. 1 p. Fragment.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **762**

Jan. 1 Resolution recommending that the states adopt measures for detecting counterfeiters. VIII, 73

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **764.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIII, 11.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **763**

Jan. 5 Resolution apportioning the quota of the 15 million dollars for the year 1779 to be raised by taxes by each of the thirteen states; the sums paid into the Continental Treasury by the states shall be placed to their credit on the terms set forth in the Resolution of Congress of November 22, 1777. VIII, 72

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **764.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIII, 28-29.

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **764**

Jan. 10 Encloses two Acts of Congress on the subject of finance, one dated January 2 and the other January 5; postscript states an Act of January 1 is also enclosed. VIII, 74

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **762, 763.**

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **765**

Jan. 15 Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the marine committee on the letters from the governors of Maryland and Virginia, laying aside the plan to employ the Maryland galleys because of the risk of a sea voyage at this season and the impracticability of manning and supplying them. VIII, 71

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **766.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIII, 68-69.

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **766**

Jan. 15 Encloses an Act of Congress of this day which lays aside "the design of employing the Maryland Gallies on a certain Expedition." VIII, 70

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **765.**

1779 Wadsworth, Jeremiah, Philadelphia. To [Nathaniel] Scudder, [Gouverneur] **767**

Jan. 18 Morris and [William] Whipple, Committee of Congress, [Philadelphia]. IX, 45

Wrote to Congress some days ago expressing fears it would not be possible to procure full supplies of flour without adopting unusual measures; now informs the committee that wheat and flour cannot be obtained by purchase and the Army will soon be distressed for want of bread.

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: Jeremiah Wadsworth, Commissary General of Purchases. 1 p.

1779 Henry, John Jr., Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **768**
Jan. 20 Letters of January 9 and 10 received; the Declaration of the Assembly V, 7
concerning the Confederacy and instructions to the delegates in Congress are received; the former will be published today; the King's speech is expected daily; New York papers boast of Great Britain's negotiations in Russia and indicate troops from there will be in America in the spring; [Silas] Dean's address on subject pleased enemies in New York; Gen. Washington is still in town in conference; please inform [———] Davidson due attention will be paid his letter.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1779 Wadsworth, J[eremiah], Philadelphia. To John Jay, [Philadelphia]. **769**
Jan. 23 Pennsylvania law prohibits use of grain for distillation into Spirits; stills X, 18
are moving to Maryland; Maryland should prohibit such distillation or "Want of bread" will increase.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1779 Paca, William, John Henry Jr., and William Carmichael, [Philadelphia]. **770**
Jan. 29 To Gov. Thomas Johnson. V, 31

No permanent principle has been laid down for the states' apportionment of men and money; the late money apportionment was by former estimates of delegates on population; Rhode Island, New York, and Georgia were exceptions, being unable to pay all their portions; some are paying more than their portion of the deficiency before currency is appreciated; all money raised shall be credited to the states respectively on interest and interest will be paid on advances when rule of appointment is established.

A.L.S. Also signed by "John Henry Junr" and "Wm. Carmichael." 2 pp.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 288-289 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 46-47.

1779 Henry, John Jr., Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson(?)]. **771**
Jan. 30 Difficulties of the Indian purchasers regarding the Illinois deed; some state V, 2
they will advance 600 pounds sterling to rectify the deed, but if more is required it will have to be furnished by the incorporated company; the Wabach purchasers are willing to leave the terms to further discussion; requests opinion of Governor and Council; [John(?)] Randall has been supplied with 4,000 dollars for supplying the Maryland officers; the delegates exchanged the 4,281 dollars as requested by Randall out of money belonging to the state for other emissions and directed him to send the money to Johnson; requests the 150 pounds granted to commissioned officers to be sent to the delegates; letters of Gen. [Benjamin] Lincoln and Gen. [Robert] Howe of January 11 received; enemy fleet and army penetrated the Savannah River [Georgia], and on December 20 landed within 2 miles of "Savannah Town" [Georgia]; Howe retreated from an engagement with them with few killed; Col. [Archibald] Campbell commands the enemy's 3,000 men to Howe's 500; Howe will make last defense at Ebenezer [Georgia] until Lincoln arrives; more Georgians will probably join the enemy to take advantage of their proclamation; greatest danger is from the black inhabitants for whom arms have been sent in.

A.L.S. 4 pp.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **772**
Feb. 2 Resolution directing that 128 barrels of gun powder and 12 chests of arms VIII, 68
at Edenton [North Carolina] and 125 chests of arms at Baltimore be transported to South Carolina under the supervision of Col. J[———] L[———] DuCambray.

"Extract from the Minutes."
D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **773.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIII, 132-133.

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **773**
Feb. 2 Encloses an Act of Congress of February 2 which among other things puts VIII, 69
the bearer, Col. J[———] L[———] Du Cambray in charge of the transportation of a quantity of military stores to South Carolina; requests that he be afforded such assistance as he may require.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **772.**

1779 Paca, William, William Carmichael and John Henry Jr., Philadelphia. **774**
Feb. 2 To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. V, 32

Johnson's letter of January 28 received; enclose letter of Commissary General of Purchases giving quantity of flour expected from Maryland and his apprehensions concerning "Distillers"; [William] Whipple and [Gouverneur] Morris, appointed to assist and inspect the Commissary's Department, state immediate convening of the General Assembly is unnecessary and request assistance to the Commissary of Purchases; "the sum allotted to Maryland is 1560000"; the large quota was explained in a letter in the last post.

A.L.S. Also signed by William Carmichael and John Henry Jr. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 54-55.

1779 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas [Annapolis(?)]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **775**
Feb. 8 Wants to know if Assembly could meet before March 20; he will go to X, 12
Philadelphia before such a date but not if it meets sooner.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1779 Henry, John Jr., Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **776**
Feb. 9 Letter of February 5 received; Johnson will receive account of pay, V, 35
clothing, and allowances to officers on February 10; important secret intelligence just received.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 62.

1779 Paca, William and John Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **777**
Feb. 9 Paca, Henry, [Gouverneur] Morris and [William] Whipple believe As- V, 34
sembly should be convened immediately since it is not meeting on March 1; enclosed letter indicates quantity [of flour(?)] expected from Maryland; a more accurate answer will be sent when the Commissary General returns.

A.L.S. Also signed by John Henry. 1 p.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 61-62.

1779 Valuation of Property Damage. **778**
Feb. 12 Valuation of the property damage sustained by Henry Brothers, Peter VI, 34b
Fosler, George Fosler, Christian Thomas, Daniel Ragan and Adam Good of Frederick County at the hands of the 4th Georgia Battalion commanded by Col [John] White.

A.D. Signed by John Hanson, Jr. and George Murdock. 1 p.

1779 Henry, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **779**
Feb. 23 Acknowledges Johnson's letter of February 20 and enclosures; a letter V, 43
just received by the Minister reports the British still at St. Lucia, [West Indies], "the grave of Europeans," where 10 to 15 die daily; the British fleet is superior but 10 sail are expected from France; the *Diane* has taken 2 prizes; the Marine Committee has ordered 4 other ships for the protection of southern trade; the *Revenge* has just arrived from Martinique, [West Indies]; further intelligence will be communicated when permitted; new publications from France will be appreciated.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1779 Feb. 26 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **780** VIII, 66

Resolution recommending that the executive powers of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina permit the export of such quantities of grain and flour as they can spare to Massachusetts and Rhode Island in order to relieve the distress of the inhabitants of those states; it is also recommended that Maryland permit the Schooner *Hannah,* Joseph Malcolm, Master, to load in the said state with flour and bar iron, the vessel having been fitted out by the Board of War of Massachusetts for the purpose of supplying the public magazines of that state.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **784.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIII, 257, 258.

1779 Feb. 26 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **781** VIII, 64

Resolution recommending that Maryland permit the Schooner *Hannah,* Joseph Malcom, Master, to load in the said state with flour and bar iron, the vessel having been fitted out by the Board of War of Massachusetts for the purpose of supplying the public magazines in that state.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIII, 258.

1779 Mar. 2 Plater, George, William Paca, William Carmichael and John Henry Jr., Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and William Fitzhugh, Annapolis. **782** V, 44

Sending intelligence during session of General Assembly; cannot communicate secret favorable intelligence from Europe, but a favorable Army in the field is essential; Great Britain has failed in her applications to Russia and is deprived of all foreign aid; "His most Christian Majesty" continues as a faithful ally; a detachment of the enemy from New York attacked Elizabeth Town, [New Jersey], a few days ago but suffered some loss.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* IV, 86.

1779 Mar. 3 Purviance, Samuel and Robert Purviance, Baltimore. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **783** VIII, 65

"The Bearer Captn [Joseph] Malcom is Master of a Schooner [*Hannah*] adressed to us by the Board of War for the State of Massachusetts, which they sent for a Load of Flour & Iron for Public Use"; Capt. Malcom will deliver a Resolve of Congress recommending that Maryland grant him permission to ship such articles; it is requested that if there is a restriction against pig iron it be included in the permit as it may be shipped in place of bar iron.

L. Signed by "Saml & Robt Purviance." 1 p.

1779 Mar. 5 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **784** VIII, 67

Encloses an Act of Congress of February 26 which will indicate the distress of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for want of bread; hopes that the exports will be sent in vessels that can best avoid the enemy's cruisers.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **780.**

1779 Mar. 9 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **785** VIII, 63

Resolution directing that the infantry of the United States be composed of eighty battalions and listing the number to be raised by each state; the clause of the Act of January 23 which authorized Gen. Washington to enlist recruits to complete the battalions is repealed; the states are requested to complete their respective battalions and a bounty of 200 dollars is granted to each recruit enlisted for the war after January 23, 1779.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIII, 298-299.

1779 Mar. 9 Henry, John Jr., Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **786** V, 16

A letter from Gen. [Washington] gives information of a small detachment embarking from New York, it is thought for Georgia; the invasion of Jersey will be in the papers; [Richard(?)] Hudson has a letter from South Carolina saying the enemy in marching to Augusta, [Georgia], was checked by Gen. [Otho Holland] Williams; encloses letter of Col. [William] Richardson concerning James Gilchrist who desires to return from New York to Maryland; desires Johnson's opinion and advice, believing Congress has no such power; has sent "a pamphlet called observations on the American Revolution as drawn up by a Committee of Congress" containing proceedings of Congress, Johnson's speech and the address of the House of Commons to the King; is unable to be at the Assembly "as my horses are not here."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1779 Mar. 12 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **787** VIII, 62

Encloses an Act of Congress of March 10 for recruiting the Army; "the Virtue and Perseverance displayed by the Citizens of America" leave no doubt that every effort will be made to prepare for this campaign, which might well be the last.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 103.

1779 Mar. 16 Henry, John Jr., Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **788** V, 15

Endeavors to dispose of the Act of Council to give [James] Gilchrist full advantage; some accounts sent from South Carolina to the General Assembly.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1779 Mar. 22 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **789** VIII, 61

Encloses two printed copies of the Act of Congress of March 20 recommending that the states appoint the first Thursday in May as "a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer."

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p.

1779 Mar. 30. Plater, George and John Henry, Jr., Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **790** V, 12

Johnson's favor and enclosure received; will send information on Commissary's Department in a few days.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 126.

1779 Apr. 2 Morris, [Gouverneur, Philadelphia]. To "Delegates of Maryland in Congress," [Philadelphia]. **791** V, 14

Measures taken to prevent commissaries from preying on public are met with approbation; present demand is limited to 10,000 barrels of flour to be delivered in this city by July 1 as follows: 2,000 by May 1, 3,000 by June 1, and 5,000 in that month; the reason for delivering it in this city is "to avoid the horrid Train of Expenses incurred in the common way."

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **793.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 338.

1779 Apr. 5 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **792** VIII, 59

Resolution directing each state to determine and pay the salary of its state clothier, allowing regimental clothiers thirty dollars additional pay per month and authorizing the clothier general to employ a clerk.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **794.**

Note at bottom of page states "John Randall was appointed Sub or State Clothier by the Govr & Council the 12th May 1779."

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIII, 422.

1779 Plater, George, William Paca, William Carmichael and John Henry, **793**
Apr. 6 Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. V, 13a

Letters and enclosures of March 26 received; enclose letter of Gouverneur Morris, chairman of a committee of Congress for superintending the Quarter Master and Commissary General's Departments, showing Army demands; the state should provide for transportation of "Flower purchased by this Agent" to this city; delegates will try to obtain discount for recruits that has been allowed other states; return Resolution of Congress and estimate enclosed by Johnson which show that damages sustained by inhabitants from Col. [John] White's 4th Georgia Battalion are payable and ask for order to be transmitted to Army auditors for payment; Gen. Washington's last letters mention return of Sir H[enry] Clinton from expedition supposedly against New London, [Connecticut], loss of 14 light transports in storm at Fishers Island, [Connecticut], arrival at New York of 28 sail from Europe and Halifax, [Nova Scotia] and some troops; dispatches of March 6 from Martinique, [West Indies] received by French Minister but particulars are not yet known.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **791.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 337-338 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 142-143.

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **794**
Apr. 7 Encloses two Acts of Congress, one of March 23 "for regulating the VIII, 60
Cloathing Department" and the other of April 5 "providing for the Pay of the Officers employed in it"; the first provides for the appointment of sub or state clothiers for the several states and the second leaves the payment of their salaries to the states appointing them; the derangement of this department is such that the earliest possible attention to this business is requested.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **792.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 144.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **795**
Apr. 14 Resolution recommending that Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, VIII, 57
New Jersey, and New York permit the export of flour and grain purchased under the direction of the board of war of Massachusetts to relieve the distress of the inhabitants of that state.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **798.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIII, 449.

1779 Continental Congress, Philadelphia. **796**
Apr. 14 Contents same as **795.** V, 22

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed: "Chas. Thomson Jun." 1 p. Enclosed in **797.**

1779 Adams, Samuel, James Lovell and S[amuel] Holten, Philadelphia. To **797**
Apr. 16 Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. V, 21

Enclose Resolutions of Congress dealing with lack of bread at Massachusetts Bay; rely on Johnson for aid, particularly in loading the schooner *Bonner* of Capt. [Richard] Stiles at Baltimore.

A.L.S. Also signed by James Lovell and S[amuel] Holten. 1 p. Encloses **796.**

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **798**
Apr. 18 Encloses two Acts of Congress of April 14, "one to prevent Persons going VIII, 58
within the Enemy's Lines unless authorized in the manner mentioned in it," the other to permit "Persons under the direction of the Board of war of Massachusetts" to export grain and flour.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **795.**

1779 Apr. 20 Henry, John, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **799** V, 13

Believes delegates have informed Johnson that 3 Maryland officers were advanced £150 each from money of the Continental Treasurer belonging to the state, a sum equal to that granted by the Assembly and since repaid in emissions of April and May; the money will be sent at the first opportunity; there have been several meetings of the incorporated company; [Gouverneur] Morris sends the message that the committee has ordered the Continental Purchaser in Maryland to stop the purchase of flour, believing the state will do it better.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1779 Apr. 22 "War Office," [Philadelphia]. **800** VII, 185

"A Return of Officers and Men in the Regiment of Invalids raised in the State of Maryland, not formerly belonging to the Regiments of that State but to be allowed as part of the Contingent thereof agreeable to the order of Congress of the 15th March": listed under 5 headings: "Names, Rank, States, County, Town":

Sergeants John Shaw, Lawrence Brooks, Corporals John Newlan, Robert Whittler, Francis Winstanley, Mark Warrell, Fifer William McKinney, Privates William Keymer, Roderick McKinney, James Lipscomb, Thomas Bond, Philip Donnalson, Robert Barnet, Thomas Tucker, James Benney, Michael McNameir, James Kinley, Michael Duffy, John Freeman, Mathias Irvin, John Moore, John Schwager, Benjamin Wisely, Thomas Young, Patrick Welsh, Henry Polister, James Ward, Fergus Lee, Robert Freemount, William Cuthbert, John Howard, Benjamin Maybury, John Anderson, Dennis O'Conner, James Sheridan, John Donovan, John Bullen, Edward Franklin, James Cooper, John Gill, George Muttet, Roger Goff, Thomas Pacifield(?), William Tumbleston.

Certified copy by "P. Scull, Secry."

D. Signed by copyist "Lewis Nicola, Col. Inv." 2 pp. Enclosed in **801.**

1779 Apr. 22 Scull, P[eter], "War Office, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **801** VII, 186

Encloses copy of a return filed in the War Office agreeably to Resolution of Congress of March 15 in order that Maryland may receive credit for the troops listed.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **800.**

1779 Apr. 30 Carmichael, William, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **802** V, 20

Acknowledges Johnson's letter of [April 21]; hopes delay of [William] Hyde and [John Eager(?)] Howard will be forgiven in view of the warrants for "12 millions" unpaid at the treasury; a warrant will be reported to complete purchases made on the Continental account; the sooner the flour is collected the more the public will benefit; France and Spain make preparations to continue the war; the enemy embarked 9 regiments lately at New York.

A.L.S. 1 p.

[1779 May 5] Maxwell, Gen. [William, Elizabethtown, New Jersey]. To Gen. [George] Washington, [Middlebrook, New Jersey]. **803** V, 6

Intelligence is that 4,000 troops, chiefly British embark today for West Indies or Georgia; Gen. [John] Vaughan and Gen. [Alexander] Leslie are supposed to command.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **809.**

[1779 May 5] Ford, Col. [Benjamin, Shrewsbury, New Jersey]. To [Gen. George Washington, Middlebrook, New Jersey]. **804** V, 6a

27 square rigged vessels and 12 or 14 sloops and schooners have sailed on southeast course; there were many light horse on board; it is said Gen.

[Henry] Clinton is on board; Gen. Washington thinks their destination is southward.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **809.**

[Before **1779** May 7] Memorandum. **805** V, 6b

On April 19, 550 men marched from Ft. Schuyler, [New York] and destroyed the Onondegas settlement in 5½ days, killing 12 and taking 35 prisoners without loss.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **809.**

1779 May 7 Washington, Gen. [George, Middlebrook, New Jersey]. To [John Jay, Philadelphia]. **806** V, 5

Intelligence is that 4,000 troops, chiefly British, embark today for West Indies or Georgia; transmits extract of letter from Lt. Col. [Benjamin] Ford, commanding at Shrewsbury, stating that 27 square rigged vessels and 12 or 14 sloops sailed on south east course May 6; New York prisoner reported 6,000 to 7,000 troops sailed with a number of Light Horse on board.

Extract.

L. 2 pp. Enclosed in **809.**

1779 May 7 Washington, George, [Middlebrook, New Jersey]. To [John Jay, Philadelphia]. **807** VIII, 55

Quotes from a letter from Gen. [William] Maxwell of May 5 as follows: "'My intelligence from the Enemy is, that 4000 troops chiefly British are embarked for the West Indies or Georgia, though the latter is the most suspected, Generals [John] Vaughan & [Alexander] Leslie are supposed to take command—they were to embark this day—and the fleet to sail on their voyage immediately'"; also quotes from a letter of the same date from Lt. Col. [Benjamin] Ford in command at Shrewsbury, [New Jersey] as follows: "'Twenty seven square rigged Vessels of the Enemy's fleet and twelve or fourteen sloops & Schooners put to sea this evening—they steered a South East course till they got out of sight—By a person from New York who was a prisoner I am informed that the report there was, that 6 & 7000 troops were embarked—he sailed in company with them from New York to the watering place—saw a number of light horse on board and that the fleet was full of men—that the destination was a secret, . . . some [of the officers] talked of Georgia, some of Maryland—and others of Rhode island'"; from these reports, there can be no doubt that a large number of troops have embarked and sailed; is sending a copy of the report of the gentlemen appointed to negotiate a cartel for the exchange of prisoners; postscript states an extract of a letter just received from Gen. [Philip] Schuyler and a copy of the proceedings in the enterprise against Onondaga, [New York] commanded by Col. [Goose] Van Scaick are being enclosed; Col. Ford's account of the sailing of the fleet is confirmed by other reports just arrived; they make the fleet larger and one report says it has anchored on the sea side, because a sixty-four gun ship did not get out; it is also rumored that Gen. [Henry] Clinton is on board.

"Copy."

L. 3 pp. Enclosed in **811.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 388-390.

1779 May 9 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **808** V, 59

Letter of May 7 received; peace would have been reached sooner if men and provisions had been requisitioned in December; more thought and less talk in Congress would improve conduct of business; agrees that lack of an executive is reason for some kind of confederation and believes Congress more willing to explain the confederation but has more pressing business; believes a loan could be obtained on proper applications; if states were taxed "roundly" currency would be appreciated; Connecticut raised double the sum required; is sending letter with other delegates requesting 5 cannon, which was detained by business concerning an order for $800,000 and emissions of May and April; is pleased that speculation is near an end in Maryland, though it is still high elsewhere; although regular correspondence is impossible will send intelligence promptly; hopes troops embarked from New York are not intended for Maryland.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 203.

1779 Plater, George, William Paca, John Henry and Daniel of St. Thomas **809**
May 11 Jenifer, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. V,4

It was impossible to send Col. [William] Hyde more than 500,000 dollars; the warrant for 800,000 dollars for flour for the Army will be sent this week; Congress requests 5 pieces of heavy cannon either on loan or purchase for defense of the North River by Gen. Washington; if loaned [Daniel(?)] Hughes will send "the like number and weight of metals" to replace them; letter of April 30 does not indicate the way emissions of May and April came into State Treasuries; if by taxes for the Continent they may be sent to the Continental Treasury for the Resolves of Congress expressly state they shall be received for debts and taxes into the Continental Treasury and into the State Treasury for Continental taxes until June 1; if they come in on any other ground, it will still be of advantage for the state to consider them as such and when the Continental tax is raised the state treasuries may be reimbursed; Congress will not inquire how the state raised its quota; if the Emissions were not levied for Continental taxes and Johnson will not consider them in that light there is no alternative but to throw them in the Loan Office; [Thomas] Harwood may receive these emissions only on loan or to be exchanged and did right in refusing Johnson's proposal; encloses extract of letter from Gen. [Washington]; objective may be to rescue troops of [Gen. John] Burgoyne or further South.

A.L.S. Also signed by George Plater, William Paca, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer. 3 pp. Encloses **803-806.**

In another hand: "The Board of War desires to know the Condition & Price of the Powder—if they like the latter, a Person will be sent down to examine the State of it & close the Bargain."

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 386-387 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 208.

1779 Carmichael, William, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **810**
May 11 The $800,000 requested in Johnson's letter of April 30 delayed by the state V, 11
of the treasury but will be sent this week; the extracts which were sent assisted in persuading the Board of Treasury to pay the warrant over prior claims and silenced accusations that commissioners had raised the price of flour; encloses abstract of letter containing enemy intelligence; there is no doubt that the enemy intends to prosecute the war vigorously this campaign; the Ministers of France give assurances of King's support; a company of bankers has been instituted in Paris under royal authority to pay interest on money borrowed here and payable in Europe, but Carmichael believes this is not the sole purpose; Gen. Washington has pressed Congress to urge states to fill quotas and has recommended "draftery from the Militia" which may become necessary.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 209.

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **811**
May 12 It is important that the operations of the enemy be known to every state VIII, 56
which may be affected by them; therefore a copy of a letter from Gen. Washington regarding the embarkation of troops at New York is enclosed.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **807.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 388.

1779 May 18 Plater, George, John Henry and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **812** V, 26

Johnson's letter to Board of War delivered; application to Treasury Board for $800,000 ordered by Congress for purchase of flour has been incessant; $500,000 promised this day and will be forwarded; postscript states "Nothing New."

A.L.S. Also signed by George Plater and John Henry. 1 p.

1779 May 18 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **813** VIII, 91

Report of the committee to whom were referred the letters from Leonard Albouy and others stating the distresses of the Bermudians are not exaggerated and recommending that a resolution be adopted recommending that Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina each permit 1000 bushels of corn to be exported for the relief of the Islands; resolved in the affirmative.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **814.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 608-609.

1779 May 19 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **814** VIII, 92

Encloses an Act of Congress of May 18 "for affording Relief to the distressed Inhabitants of Bermuda."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **813.**

1779 May 19 Carmichael, William and John Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **815** V, 18

Forward $800,000 with the hope it will be sufficient for purchases made on Continental account and for money advanced for the recruiting service; request notice if more is necessary.

A.L.S. Also signed by John Henry. 1 p.

1779 May 19 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **816** VIII, 88

Received Johnson's letter regarding the enemy's operations in the Bay last evening and detained the express that he might return with dispatches from Congress, but none being forthcoming he is now dismissed.

L.S. 1 p.

1779 May 21 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **817** VIII, 110

Resolution calling upon the states for their respective quotas of forty-five million dollars, in addition to the sum required by the Resolution of January 2; the sums paid are to be credited to the states as prescribed by the Resolution of November 22, 1777.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **818.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 626.

1779 May 22 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **818** VIII, 111

Encloses an Act of Congress of May 21 calling upon the states for forty-five million dollars; the rapid depreciation of the currency demands a speedy remedy and it is hoped that measures to support its credit and preserve the public faith will be readily adopted.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **817.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 224.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **819**

May 22 Resolution directing that the Resolution of Congress of March 6 relative to the control of Congress by appeal over all admiralty jurisdiction be transmitted to the states requesting them to take measures to conform with it. VIII, 107

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **823.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIV, 635.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **820**

May 22 Resolution authorizing the Commissioners of Indian Affairs for the Northern Department to negotiate the exchange of a number of the good citizens of the United States who are in captivity at Niagara [New York] for disaffected citizens who wish to join the enemy, subject to the concurrence of Gen. Washington and the executive authority of the states whose citizens are involved. VIII, 108

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **823.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIV, 636.

[Before Declamation against inflation. **821**

1779 Under title of "For our Countrys Good!" annonymous author states, "In the midst of Money we are in poverty . . . we will bring every article down to what it was last Christmas." V, 71

May 24]

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **822.**

1779 [Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas], Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **822**

May 24 No recent intelligence despite distress in Virginia; believes may have erred in generosity in assisting the Continent, but motives were good; Annapolis could not be defended against a large force, though Baltimore might; Gen. Washington has been requested to send Gen. [Mordecai] Gist to command the Maryland Militia; arms will be forwarded when repaired; [Roger] Sherman states Connecticut will allow settlement of "Backlands" and will confederate if Maryland has equal acceding terms; Virginia can surely repel the 2,000 men embarked at New York; speculation increased prices 100 percent in 3 weeks; a mob has assembled to regulate prices; encloses a copy of their handbill; Congress resolved to retaliate also for murders of French subject by the enemy. V, 70

L. 2 pp. Encloses **821.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 417-419 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* IV, 232-233.

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **823**

May 25 Encloses several Acts of Congress: one of May 22 directing that a copy of an Act of March 6 respecting the control of Congress by appeal over all admiralty jurisdictions be sent to the states, which is accordingly enclosed, another of May 22 relative to the exchange of citizens in captivity with the Indians and one of May 22 "directing that Continental officers, exchanged, and not continued in service, be considered as supernumerary officers." VIII, 109

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **819, 820.**

1779 Plater, George, William Carmichael, John Henry and Daniel of St. Thomas **824**

June 1 Jenifer, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. V, 19

In reply to Council's letter [May 26] describe method of commissioning officers; an account of British defeat at Charleston [South Carolina] was brought by vessel from Providence, [Rhode Island]; attempt to get arms for Maryland has fallen short; Gen. [Washington] has complied with request to have Brigadier [Mordecai] Gist command Maryland Militia.

L.S. 2 pp.

On verso: "We have just obtained an order for 250 Stand Arms in Mr. [———] Wests Hands."

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XXI, 438-439 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* IV, 244.

1779 June 8 **825** V, 67

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson].

Virginia fleet arrived at New York May 29 with the loss of 1 man, according to [James(?)] Rivington, and proceeded up the North River, joining Gen. [James] Clinton's march for Fort Arnold, [New York], above Kings Bridge, [New York]; one fort and 10 men lost; if the other fort is lost communications between the North and South will be largely cut off and cause a weakening; Gen. Washington is in full march for North River, but a general engagement cannot be risked since Gen. [John] Sullivan has so weakened the main Army; no dispatches from South Carolina since June 5 when the enemy was 68 miles from "C[harles] Town," [South Carolina]; New England states are supporting Vermont in order to counterbalance Virginia; believes no subsequent loans can be made until Spain enters the war; the accumulating load of debt will be difficult and money must not be appreciated too rapidly; postscript requests compliments be presented to Council.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 253.

1779 June 8 **826** V, 25

Plater, George, William Paca, John Henry, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and William Carmichael, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Johnson's letter of June 4 received; a summary of the returns of the Army for the inspection of the General Assembly will be sent by the next post; the Board of War agrees Congress will allow for clothing furnished recruiting officers and recruits; no intelligence from Charleston [South Carolina] or North River.

A.L.S. Also signed by George Plater, John Henry, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and William Carmichael. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 252.

1779 June 11 **827** VIII, 98

Washington, George, Smith's Clove, [New York]. To [John Jay, Philadelphia].

"The Enemy's situation remains much the same as mentioned in mine of the 5th. One Body of about 5,000 men is on Ver Plank's point, [New York] and another of about 1,000 men on Stoney Point, [New York]. They continue fortifying & no doubt intend to keep possession of those posts"; the natural strength of the position makes it "inaccessible to us in our present Circumstances"; it will be of considerable advantage to the enemy and of great inconvenience to us; "our Communications by Kings Ferry" are ended and the difficulty of land transportation increased; it provides a new sanctuary for the disaffected and a new door to draw in supplies and distress the inhabitants; but for obvious reasons the capture could not have been prevented nor can it be remedied now.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **835.**

1779 June 14 **828** VIII, 103

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution empowering the Quarter Master General to pay for a wagon, driver, and four horses thirteen and one-third dollars, one ration and forage per day.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **831.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 726.

1779 June 14 **829** VIII, 104

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution recommending that the states exempt all wagon drivers employed by the United States from militia duties.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **831.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 726-727.

1779
June 14, 15

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Many accounts received of enemy's defeat at Charleston, [South Carolina], but no letters from South Carolina; the enemy have retreated from Fort Arnold, [New York] to Kings Ferry, [New York], and are fortifying the river; the *Reasonable* is reportedly dismasted; crops are promising but continued depreciation compels further emissions of money; few would have attended the Assembly if convened before harvest; a privateer "owned by Liverpool" and captured by the *Boston* frigate just arrived at Market Street wharf; postscript states "The above Capture is a Letter of Mark from Liverpool, called at New York and bound to Jamaica" [West Indies].

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch of Md.*, XXI, 454 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 267.

830
V, 17

1779
June 16

Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Encloses two Acts of Congress of June 14, "One recommending to the States to exempt Drivers of Wagons from Militia duties while in service—the other ascertaining their wages."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **828, 829.**

831
VIII, 105

1779
June 22

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution recommending that the states, especially those near Long Island [New York] and other places held by the enemy, take measures to prevent the plundering of their inhabitants and all officers of the Army are directed to do likewise.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **833.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 758-759.

832
VIII, 101

1779
June 24

Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Encloses an Act of Congress of June 22 "on the Subject of plundering the Inhabitants of Places in the Enemy's Possession."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **832.**

833
VIII, 102

1779
June 28

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution recommending that the states make vigorous efforts to fill up their battalions agreeable to the Resolution of Congress of March 9.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **835.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 780.

834
VIII, 99

1779
June 29

Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Encloses an extract of a letter from Gen. Washington to Congress of June 11 and an Act of Congress of June 28 arising from the letter; the Act calls upon the states to fill up their battalions as speedily as possible; the letter should be kept secret.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **827, 834.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 288.

835
VIII, 100

1779
June 29

Henry, J[ohn] and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

In reply to Johnson's letter of June 18 and Capt. [John] Nicholson's; from the minutes of the Marine Committee believe Nicholson mistaken about verbal answer he received on report of the Navy Board; no third witness is requisite on a Court of Inquiry; according to enclosed resolves of the committee, where the Navy Board report is approved, he is recommended; there are now more captains than ships, but he shall be provided for; Johnson's letter respecting powder and cannon is before the Board of War, which has sent a collector

836
V, 23

for them; request powder not be disposed of as it is much wanted by the Continent; there is no report of action in the south as late as May 19, the enemy is near Charleston [South Carolina] and according to the New York paper in possession of John's and James Islands, [South Carolina].

A.L.S. Also signed by Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer. 2 pp. Encloses **733.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 463 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 290-291.

1779 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **837**
June 30 Congress has no information from South Carolina; [William Henry] V, 10
Drayton has a letter from Charleston [South Carolina] dated May 19 stating the enemy was in possession of James Island [South Carolina] and Gen. [Benjamin] Lincoln and Gen. [Otho Holland] Williams were not far off; in a New York paper of June 19 a deposition of Capt. [———] McAlpine from Tybee, Georgia on June 5 and a letter to Sir George Collier from a man of war captain give important intelligence; does not believe the enemy will immediately possess Charleston or that Gov. [John] Rutledge offered to capitulate; 2 prizes to the *Confederacy* and *Boston* frigates arrived June 29 and 6 or 7 merchantmen from "Statia" [West Indies]; postscript states will set out on July 4.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 465.

1779 Paca, William, [Philadelphia(?)]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **838**
July 2 Recommends [———] Chambers of Kent County, [Maryland], for "Deputy V, 74
Clothier" under new system of Congress whereby deputies under the Clothier General for the Army are appointed by the states.

Copy.

L. 1 p.

In another and later hand: "The Original of this Letter Sent the Revd Jared Sparks of Boston by permission of the Executive, to be inserted in a Volume of Fac Similies which the Said Sparks designs to publish of Letters of distinguished Revolutionary Characters, by Tho: Culbreth Clerk of the Council." [1826].

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **839**
July 6 Resolution recommending that Maryland permit the Ship *Defence* which VIII, 96
is loaded with provisions for the French fleet to depart for her destination.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **840.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 805-806.

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **840**
July 7 Encloses an Act of Congress of July 6 recommending that the Ship VIII, 97
Defence be permitted to depart with provisions for the French fleet.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **839.**

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **841**
July 8 Encloses an Act of Congress of June 29 "for borrowing twenty Millions VIII, 95
of Dollars on the Terms therein specified."

L.S. 1 p.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **842**
July 9 Resolution requesting the executive powers of the states to inquire strictly VIII, 93
into the conduct of every person employed "in the quarter Master general, or purchasing or issuing Commissary general's department within their states" and authorizing them under certain circumstances to discharge and appoint persons in those departments.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **845.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 812-813.

1779 Goddard, William, Baltimore. Memorial to Gov. Thomas Johnson. **843**
July 13 Petitions on behalf of "the Liberty of the Press"; in the *Maryland Journal* III, 38
of July 6 the petitioner [William Goddard] published queries relative to unjust verdict in court martial of Maj. Gen. [Charles] Lee; "an angry Cabal" objected to their publication; "a Band of Ruffians," headed by Thomas Cromwell, [Thomas] Bayley, and Steven Shermadine, invaded Goddard's dwelling on July 8 at night; he was to leave at once and go to the "Coffee House"; defended by the sword, Goddard persuaded Capt. Cromwell to leave; at 9 a.m. on July 9, he waited on William Spear, George Lindenberger, Abraham Vanbibber, and James Calhoun to act as magistrates; Vanbibber refused and Calhoun "shut the Door of Justice against Your Memorialist"; a mob gathered with Col. Samuel Smith, son-in-law of Calhoun, as leader; Vanbibber inflamed the mob by relating a private conversation with Col. [Daniel of St. Thomas] Jenifer; the magistrates are to be impeached; asks for "Benefit & Protection of the Law of the Land"; postscript quotes Sect. 17 of the "Bill of Rights" on justice for injuries to freemen.

Copy.

D. Signed "William Goddard" 4 pp

1779 Morris, Gouverneur, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **844**
July 13 Requests that the 5,000 barrels of flour which he desired to be stored in VII, 170
Maryland by a former letter be now forwarded to William Smith of Baltimore who will receive them for [John] Holker, agent of the Marine of France.

L.S. 1 p.

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **845**
July 14 Encloses Act of Congress of July 9 "vesting the executive Powers of each VIII, 94
State with further authority respecting Persons employed in The Quarter Master General or purchasing, or issuing Commissary General's departments."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **842.**

1779 Deposition of Capt. John Lynch. **846**
July 15 Swears before Justice of Peace, Baltimore County [Maryland] that he III, 42
met on July 9, William Goddard and Col. [Eleazer] Oswald; John Chalmers was also a witness; Goddard said the "damn'd rascally Magistrates of Baltimore" had refused to apprehend the mob; he was seeking the governor's aid; "I will take up the Tomahawk and Scalping Knife," to get redress, Goddard said.

D. Signed: "John Lynch Capt." Sworn to before "Ja. Calhoun." 1 p. Enclosed in **847.**

1779 Calhoun, James, Baltimore. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **847**
July 15 Reports that an "express" from Charleston [South Carolina] carried a III, 41
dispatch from Gen. [Benjamin] Lincoln; [William] Moultrie was to seize John's Island, [South Carolina], while Lincoln would take entrenchments; deposition regarding [William] Goddard is inclosed; Goddard would seem responsible for the mob himself; he and Col. [Eleazer] Oswald showed their spleen "in the most abusive language."

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **846.**

1779 Goddard, Mary K., Baltimore. To Gov Thomas Johnson. **848**
July 15 Writes on behalf of "my much injured Brother"; desires governor and III, 39
council to summon 10 people, *viz:*

Col. Eleazer Oswald
William Witcroft
John Gray
Andrew Wilson
James Welsh
Charles Williams
John Hammond
George Leavely
Gerard Hopkins
Eigelhard Yeizer

A.L.S. 1 p.

1779 July 20 **849** IX, 44

Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Has received Johnson's favor of July 14; "The Conflagrations in the States of Connecticut and New York seem to confirm the Intelligence communicated by your Brother."

L.S. 1 p.

1779 July 23 **850** VIII, 115

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution recommending measures for the preservation of barracks, hospitals, stables, storehouses, and other buildings erected on land which the necessities of war have induced the officers of the United States to take possession of; and also making provisions for regaining horses, cattle, stores, or other property belonging to the United States.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp. Enclosed in **852.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 867-869.

1779 July 23 **851** VIII, 116

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution authorizing the Board of War to appoint commissaries of hides within the states whenever needed and providing for the superintendence of the said commissaries.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 4 pp. Enclosed in **852.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 870-872.

1779 July 28 **852** VIII, 117

Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

Encloses two Acts of Congress of July 23, "one for regulating the Hide department, the other, for the better Preservation of Buildings & other Property belonging to the United States."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **850, 851.**

1779 Aug. 12 **853** VIII, 113

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution, founded on the information that Francis, Chevalier de la Nos, Jules Anne le Moine, [———] Chevalier de Neufeille, Julien Bouchard, and Joseph Jacob de Tetre, subjects of France, "have by due course of law recovered judgment against John Douglass late commander of the privateer Schooner called the *Hunter* by Commission under Congress" for the sum of £9,780 for injuries received by them when under pretext of the commission, he seized their vessel and cargo; since the judgment was obtained, Douglass has absconded from Pennsylvania and eluded the judgment; directs that the bond given when Douglass obtained his commission be put in suit and his commission be vacated, and also that he be barred from holding any commission under the United States until he shall abide by the said judgment or cause it to be reversed by due process of law.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **854.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 951.

1779 Aug. 14 **854** VIII, 114

Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson.

The enemy has sent out considerable reinforcement to its army in America; "our Allies were much concerned to find that preparations were not earlier made for a vigorous Campaign"; Congress urges that Maryland prepare for immediate and vigorous operations by filling up her battalions and having her militia "ready to march at the shortest warning"; postscript states an Act of Congress of August 12 "against John Douglass, late Commander of the Privateer Schooner, called the Hunter" is enclosed.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **853.**

1779 Aug. 16 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **855** VII, 192

Resolution directing the Clothier General to estimate the value of the several articles of soldiers' clothing in order that soldiers may be paid for clothing due them under the Resolution of September 6, 1777 which they have not received.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: "Chas. Thomson" (not autograph signature). 1 p. Enclosed in **932.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 970-971.

[After **1779** Aug. 16] [Clothier General, Philadelphia]. **856** VII, 193

"An estimate of the Average prices of the different articles of Clothing allowed the soldiers, by the Act of Congress of Sept. 6, 1777 for the year 1778."

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **932.**

1779 Aug. 17 Morris, Gouverneur, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Johnson]. **857** VII, 171

Acknowledges Johnson's letter of August 13 and thanks him for the attention that has been given his requests; the variations and contradictions which have been observed may be attributed to the variety of circumstances attending a defensive war and to the inaccuracy of our Commissaries and others in the great departments; it must be considered that "the arrangements also depend upon the Motions of Fleets acting in the West Indies and the Intelligences received from Europe."

L.S. 2 pp.

1779 Aug. 21 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **858** VIII, 118

Resolution recommending that the states which now have embargoes continue them until January 1, 1780 and extend them to include wheat, flour, rye, corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, and live stock and other provisions; the other states are urged to lay on embargoes.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **865.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 986.

1779 Aug. 25 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **859** VIII, 118a

Resolution recommending that the states remove every restriction on inland trade between the states.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **865.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIV, 996.

1779 Aug. 30 Tagart, James, New York. To William Alexander Livingston, [Baskingridge, New Jersey]. **860** V, 38

Arrived August 29 and is properly exchanged; requests aid in securing a pass to "come over" to Maryland since remittances to family have not been possible for 3 years.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **866.**

1779 Sept. 6 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **861** VIII, 112

Is sending forty blank commissions with blank bonds and instructions for private armed vessels; when executed the bonds are to be returned to the Office of the Secretary of Congress.

L.S. 1 p.

1779 Livingston, William A[lexander], Baskingridge, [New Jersey]. To [———]. **862**

Sept. 8 Accompanied James Tagart from Jamaica, [West Indies], to New York; were captured "on the back of Long Island" and taken to New London, [Connecticut], then Hartford, [Connecticut]; proceeded to Baskenridge [Baskingridge] with permission of Gov. [Jonathan] Trumbull; Tagart left Maryland in 1776 for Jamaica via Cape François, [Santo Domingo]; recommends passport for Tagart to rejoin family. V, 37

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **866.**

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **863**

Sept. 10 Resolution, based on the representation of the Board of War that each state should provide clothing for its quota of the troops of the United States, recommending that the states do so, paying particular attention to hats, hose, shirts, blankets, and shoes which are needed immediately; the states and the Board of War are to exchange information regarding clothing in order to avoid duplication of supplies and competition in prices. VIII, 119

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **865.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XV, 1044-1045.

1779 Deposition of Mark Milligan **864**

Sept. 10 3 years ago made plates of $8 bills for Isaac and Abraham Shockey and John Dutterow for £30; 2 years ago made plates for $5 and $7 bills for Joseph Nicholson and John King; later engraved 2 $30 stamps for Valentine Shockey; at the end of April refused to make prints for the Shockeys from the $30 plates now in possession of [———] McClean; "a family of the Name of Cook" and "a man who goes by the Name of Jones" strike counterfeit money; was requested by Valentine and Isaac Shockey to sign money for Cooks; Felty Shockey signs emissions with instrument like a "Lemmon-squeeser" and James Thomson has one of these bills; Hugh Welch has some of Shockey's money and was given paper made at Jones's Mill by him; the Newgents and [———] Roseburgh pass money for the Shockeys; Jones's Mill is run by a Dutchman and it uses his name. V, 42

"Taken and Subscribed the Day and Year aforesaid Before David Jameson and William Scott."

D. Signed: "Mark Milliken." 2 pp. Enclosed in **872.**

1779 Jay, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **865**

Sept. 14 Encloses three Acts of Congress, one of August 21 "on the subject of an Embargo," one of August 25 for removing the restrictions on inland trade between the states and one of September 10 for providing clothing for the troops; postscript states a printed copy of a circular letter from Congress to its constituents is also enclosed. VIII, 120

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **858, 859, 863.**

1779 Livingston, William [Alexander], Trenton, [New Jersey]. To John Jay, **866**

Sept. 20 Philadelphia. V, 46

Refers the matter of a passport for [James] Tagart to Congress, since he may be known by Maryland delegates.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **860, 862.**

1779 Washington, Gen. [George], West Point, [New York]. To [John Jay(?), **867**

Sept. 20 Philadelphia]. V, 39

Intelligence received, dated September 20, concerning the strengthening of the city and preparations for an embarkation of an estimated 8,000 men, believed for West Indies or Carolina; 3 frigates are cruising to apprehend French fleet; account of evacuation to mountains in Jamaica received September 16; deserter from Sandy Hook reports part of fleet which sailed September 13 for Halifax, [Nova Scotia] put back because of storm.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **869.**

1779 Sept. 24 Fox, Edward, "Arch Street," [Philadelphia]. To James Forbes, [Philadelphia]. **868** V, 40

Returned today from captivity in New York; large embarkation is taking place, supposedly for Virginia; several Virginia refugees are preparing to go with stores and families; number of troops reported is 8,000 and several ships were ordered ready for horses; circumstances indicate the West Indies is not the destination.

Copy.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **869.**

1779 Sept. 25 Paca, William, James Forbes, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **869** V, 36

Enclose extracts of embarkation at New York of unknown destination; [Edward] Fox's conjecture seems probable since several Virginia refugees are going; proposed bill for lifting Pennsylvania embargo enclosed; postscript states "Mr. Fox left N. Y. on Monday the 20th Inst & say that Goodridge was to go with the Fleet."

A.L.S. Also signed by James Forbes and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer. 1 p. Encloses **867, 868.**

1779 Sept. 26 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **870** VIII, 121

Resolution, based on the information that Count [Charles Henri] d'Estaing has arrived with a powerful fleet, recommending that the states furnish Gen. Washington with whatever aid he may require and make the most vigorous exertions to supply the Army.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **871.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1108.

1779 Sept. 26 Jay, John, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **871** VIII, 122

Encloses an Act of Congress of this day recommending that the states exert themselves "in furnishing the allied Armaments in America with such aids of Men & Provisions as may enable them to operate effectually against the common Enemy."

"Circular."

L.S. Encloses **870.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 439.

1779 Sept. 26 Paca, William, William Carmichael, James Forbes and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **872** V, 41

Enclose deposition concerning counterfeiters in Maryland and Virginia for Johnson to bring to punishment; postscript states that delegates were unable to get information on man mentioned in enclosed letters and that Count [Charles Henri] D'Estaing is off the Coast of Georgia.

A.L.S. Also signed by William Paca, William Carmichael and James Forbes. 1 p. Encloses **864.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 537-538 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 441.

1779 Sept. 28 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Johnson]. **873** VIII, 123

Congress elected Samuel Huntington its President today.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **874**

Oct. 2 Resolution recommending that Maryland permit as much bread, flour, and wheat to be exported to Virginia as she may need for her public supply. VIII, 132

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **875.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1137.

1779 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Johnson]. **875**

Oct. 3 Encloses an Act of Congress of October 2 recommending that Maryland permit bread, flour, and wheat to be exported to Virginia. VIII, 133

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **874.**

1779 Paca, William, James Forbes, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson. **876**

Oct. 4 V, 27

Johnson's letter of September 28 and applications of the Executive Council and Board of War of Virginia laid before Congress, resulting in an Act for exporting bread, flour, and wheat to Virginia; Maryland supplied the *Baltimore* packet Capt. [Thomas] Reed with 10 "3 or 4 pounders," left in care of the Navy Board, Philadelphia, and delivered to [Robert] Morris and [John M.] Nesbit; if they belong to the state, the Navy Board wants them; postscript states "Perhaps you may meet with an opportunity of transmitting the Enclosed Act of Congress to your Brother."

A.L.S. Also signed by William Paca and James Forbes. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 469.

1779 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson]. **877**

Oct. 5 Enclosed letters were delivered by [Edward] Fox; requests governor and council to recommend "Billy" Stewart to Congress "that he may get to his friends." V, 9

A.L.S. 1 p.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **878**

Oct. 6 Resolution calling upon the states for their respective proportions of fifteen million dollars in addition to the sums required by the Resolutions of November 22, 1777 and of January 2 and May 21, 1779; the encouragement offered by the Resolution of June 29 for promoting loans is to be extended to all sums paid into the Continental Loan Office before March 1, 1780 and persons subscribing ten thousand dollars or more will be allowed certain concessions. VIII, 125

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **882.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1147, 1148.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **879**

Oct. 7 Resolution recommending that the state treasurers transmit to Congress on the first day of every month returns of the sums they have received for supplying the Continental Treasury; it also establishes the quotas to be paid by the respective states of the monthly assessment of fifteen million dollars to begin February 1, 1780. VIII, 125a

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **882.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1150.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **880**

Oct. 8 Order referring the letters of October 4 from Gen. Washington and from J[eremiah] Wadsworth, Commissary General of Purchases, to the Delegates of Delaware, Maryland and South Carolina "to take order thereon." VIII, 126

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1151.

1779 Oct. 9 **881** VIII, 124

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution authorizing the President of Delaware and the Governors of Maryland and South Carolina to draw on their treasurers for money needed to pay for the purchases of flour and rice which shall be made under the direction of a committee of the Delegates of those states in pursuance of a Resolution of Congress of October 8.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1157.

1779 Oct. 9 **882** VIII, 127

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Johnson].

Encloses Resolutions of Congress of October 6 and 7 for supplying the Continental Treasury and requests that they be communicated to the legislature; the money which Congress may emit will be expended by December and after that the public credit and the existence of the Army will depend on the punctual payment of their quotas by the states; Congress is concerned that the sums required are so great but doubts not that the operation of taxes and other measures will reduce the prices of articles and enable it to lessen the quotas and diminish the public debt.

L.S. 2 pp. Several small fragments missing and writing faded in spots. Encloses **878, 879.**

1779 Sept. [Oct.] 9 **883** V,33

Vandyke, [Nicholas], William Paca, James Forbes, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, and John Mathews, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Johnson].

Enclosed letter of [Gen. Washington] shows need of the Army for flour; 10,000 barrels are expected from Maryland immediately over what [John] Holker's agents want for Count [Charles] D'Estaing's fleet and must be transported where directed by vessel; money shall be drawn from Continental taxes and estimates sent for further amounts though the Continental treasury is low; the enemy knows D'Estaing is expected hourly but not that he and Gen. Washington are "to act in Concert" so secrecy is requested; postscript states that 2 Resolutions of Congress are enclosed.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 480.

1779 Oct. 20 **884** VIII, 128

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Proclamation recommending that the states set aside Thursday, December 9, as "a day of public and solemn thanksgiving."

D. Signed by Samuel Huntington and Charles Thomson. 3 pp. Enclosed in **885.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1191-1193.

1779 Oct. 20 **885** VIII, 129

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Johnson].

Encloses an Act of Congress of this day recommending that the states appoint Thursday, December 9, a day of public thanksgiving.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **884.**

1779 Oct. 25 **886** V, 8

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Johnson.

Letter of October 22 received; gold has depreciated in 8 days from 35 for one to 26; Congress has applied for loans in Europe; the enemy is making plans to receive Count [Charles Henri] D'Estaing, who has evacuated Stony and Verplanck Points, [New York]; the Cayugas and others of the 16 nations are suing for peace; detained by absence of [John] Witherspoon, but will be in Annapolis on November 4.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XXI, 566-567 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 497.

1779 Oct. 30 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **887** VII, 130

Resolution urging that Virginia reconsider her recent Act of Assembly for opening her land office and recommending that all states similarly circumstanced forbear both issuing warrants for unappropriated lands and granting them during the war.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **888.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1226.

1779 Oct. 30 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Johnson]. **888** VIII, 131

Encloses an Act of Congress of this date recommending that Virginia reconsider her Act of Assembly for reopening her land office, and that all states similarly circumstanced forbear issuing warrants for unappropriated lands or granting them during the war.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **887.**

1779 Nov. 12 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **889** VIII, 136

Resolution directing that the eleven companies of artificers raised by the Quarter Master General be reformed and ordering the Board of War to issue commissions to the officers which will entitle them to rank only in their own corps.

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **893.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1261-1262.

[After **1779** Nov. 12] James Bosley and Thomas Love, Baltimore County. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **890** IX, 323

Petition to the governor concerning boundary dispute with Charles Gorsuch; it has been going on "for some time past"; recognizances have been forfeited in the case; desire the governor to release the penalty because no willful default was intended.

D. Signed "J. Hall Attorney for J. Bosley Thomas Love." 2 pp.

1779 Nov. 16 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **891** VIII, 136a

Resolution recommending that the states allow the corps of artificers established by Congress on November 12 "all the benefits provided for officers and soldiers in the line of their quotas of the Continental batallions except the half pay."

"Extract from the Minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **893.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1276.

1779 Nov. 16 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **892** VIII, 135

Resolution recommending that state executives grant writs requiring persons whose attendance is requested by the judge advocate in a court martial case to give testimony and permitting the use of depositions in certain cases.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **893.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1277-1278.

1779 Nov. 18 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **893** VIII, 134

Encloses two Acts of Congress of November 12 and 16 for reforming the eleven companies of artificers raised by the Quarter Master General and granting them certain benefits; also encloses another Act of November 16 "requesting the aid of the several States for obtaining witnesses & depositions in the trial of cases before courts martial."

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **889, 891, 892.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 363.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **894**

Nov. 19 Resolution adopted because the requisitions for taxes for the ensuing year made by the Resolution of October 6 have been based on the principle that prices would not increase more than twenty-fold and to eliminate the other inconveniences caused by fluctuating prices, recommending that the states enact laws limiting prices within their jurisdictions; the states are also to enact laws against engrossing and withholding; officers and agents making purchases for the United States are to confirm strictly to state regulations. VIII, 89

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1289-1291.

1779 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **895**

Nov. 20 Encloses a duplicate of an Act of Congress of March 16, 1778, "the utility of which is apparent"; is also sending a copy of the journals of Congress from January 1 and will continue to send their weekly publications from time to time; requests Lee to send to the Secretary's Office a copy of the Constitution of Maryland, the public acts of the legislature, and any pamphlets or documents relative to the Revolution in order that they may be available for the information of the Delegates of other states and be preserved for posterity. VIII, 90

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **531.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 371 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, IV, 524.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **896**

Dec. 11 Resolution requesting Maryland to furnish for the Army five thousand barrels of flour and five thousand barrels of Indian corn in addition to the fifteen thousand barrels of flour heretofore required of her. VIII, 85

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **899.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1371.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **897**

Dec. 11 Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the committee for procuring supplies for the Army, requesting Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Connecticut to furnish certain quotas of flour and corn. VIII, 83

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **899.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1371-1372.

1779 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **898**

Dec. 14 Resolution directing that the convenience of the states be considered when they are called upon to furnish their quotas of supplies and that the articles furnished be credited to them at fair prices. VIII, 84

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **899.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XV, 1377.

1779 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas] Johnson. **899**

Dec. 14 Encloses two Acts of Congress of December 11 and another of this day which will indicate that Congress has decided to call upon the states to furnish their quotas of supplies, taking care to suit the convenience of the states and to credit the articles furnished by the states to the quotas of monies they are called upon to raise for the United States at fair prices; by the separate Act of December 11, Maryland is requested to furnish 5,000 barrels of flour and 5,000 barrels of corn in addition to the 15,000 barrels of flour heretofore required; VIII, 86 as soon as Congress is informed that the states will furnish the provisions needed for the Army, many persons "employed in the purchasing Commissaries department" may be dismissed.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **896-898.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 384-385.

1779 Dec. 14 Remonstrance of the General Assembly of Virginia to the Continental Congress. **900** VII, 65

Having enacted a law to prevent the present settlement of the northwest side of the Ohio River, the General Assembly was surprised to hear that Congress had received and countenanced petitions from the Vandalia and Indiana Company claiming lands in defiance of the laws of Virginia and offering to erect a separate government within the territory claimed; should Congress assume jurisdiction in this matter, contrary to the principles of the confederation, it would be a violation of public faith and introduce a dangerous precedent; the Vandalia and Indiana Company is not the only claimant of lands contrary to the laws of Virginia; several men of influence in other states in partnership with the Earl of Dunmore and other British subjects claim extensive tracts between the Ohio and the Mississippi under purchases from the Indians; Congress has lately described the bounds of the United States as an ultimatum in the terms of peace, but such territory is held only in right of the individual states, being determined by their charters; to deny the right of any state to its chartered territory would be to deny the right of the United States in general; when Virginia acceded to the Articles of Confederation her sovereignty within her own territory was reserved to her and cannot be infringed without her consent; the Assembly of Virginia has offered to furnish lands on the northwest side of the Ohio River for troops of such states as have no lands available to them; but although the Assembly of Virginia would make great sacrifices for the common interest and listen to any reasonable propositions to complete ratification of the Confederation, it is compelled by duty to its constituents and to the United States to protest against the assumption of jurisdiction or right of adjudication by Congress upon the petitions of the Vandalia and Indiana Company or any other matter subversive to the internal policy of this or any other state, or unwarranted by the Articles of Confederation.

Copy.

Endorsed: "Read in Congress Apl. 28, 1780."

L. Signed: "Nathal. Harrison S. S, Benja. Harrison Sp. H. D." and attested: "John Beckley C.h.d." (not autographs). 4 pp.

1779 Dec. 15 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **901** VIII, 81

Resolution recommending that those states where embargoes are in force continue them and that the other states lay them to prohibit until April 1, 1780 the export of the articles mentioned in the Resolution of Congress of August 21.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **902.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XV, 1383.

1779 Dec. 15 Huntington, Samuel, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **902** VIII, 82

Encloses an Act of Congress of this day recommending that the states continue or lay, if not already in effect, embargoes on the export of the articles described in the Resolution of Congress of August 21; urges compliance without loss of time.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **901.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* IV, 536.

1779
Dec. 17

Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

903
VIII, 80

Transmits journals of Congress published since his letter of November 20; will send them monthly henceforward.

L.S. 1 p.

1779
Dec. 21

Smallwood, Gen. [William], "Camp near Morris Town," [New Jersey]. To Major [Henry Lee, Monmouth, New Jersey].

904
V, 30

Regrets cannot supply money or clothing to "Maryland Gentlemen" in Lee's corps; distribution is limited to the 7 Maryland regiments, the Maryland parts of the Rifle and German regiments, and Corps of Artillery; referring Lt. [George(?)] Handy to headquarters would be useless, since the "Cloathier Generals Supplies for Officers" are exhausted.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **910.**

1779
Dec. 23

Lee, Henry Jr., Monmouth, [New Jersey]. To "The Delegates in Congress from the State of Maryland," [Philadelphia].

905
V, 29

Encloses paragraph of letter from Gen. [William] Smallwood regarding Maryland officers; considers restrictions injurious since Congressional Resolution has declared additional battalions on same level as other troops; hopes Capt. [Allen] McLane can be authorized to draw the full allowance due the "Maryland gentlemen."

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **910.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 388-389.

1779
Dec. 23

Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

906
VIII, 79

Encloses twenty-five blank commissions with blank bonds and instructions for private armed vessels; the bonds are to be returned to the Secretary's Office when executed.

L.S. 1 p.

1779
Dec. 26

Wayne, [Anthony], Second River, [New Jersey]. To George Washington, Morristown, [New Jersey].

907
VIII, 76

Has just returned from a position where he "had a fine view and distinctly counted 110 sail of shipping"; at one o'clock he saw six vessels far out which might have been the rear of a large number; half an hour later "the van of the other ships began to come in view from their anchoring ground in Sandy hook bay, and by 3 o'clock PM one hundred and four sail were out at sea, which with the other Six make the number 110"; a person who left New York day before yesterday reports from "ten to thirteen thousand troops have embarked, among which are Lord [William Schaw] Cathcart's legion & the greater part of the horse; and that Sir Henry Clinton is certainly to take the command whose place is to be supplied by maj. gen. [———] Pattison the present commandant at New York. Three objects are mentioned viz Chesapeak bay—Norfolk [Virginia] and Charles town South Carolina."

"Extract."

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **911.**

1779
Dec. 27

Lee, Henry, Jr., [Monmouth, New Jersey]. To [Samuel Huntington, Philadelphia].

908
VIII, 75

Sends information for Congress; "the second fleet left the hook on the 26. 100 sail, five ships of the line two frigates. Admiral [Marriot] Arbuthnot. It is reported that Sr. Henry [Clinton] is with the troops. They consist of horse and foot."

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "Henry Lee Junr." 1 p. Enclosed in **911.**

1779
Dec. 27

Washington, George, Morristown, [New Jersey]. To [Samuel Huntington, Philadelphia].

909
VIII, 77

Encloses a copy of a letter received from Gen. [Anthony] Wayne informing him that the second division of the fleet put to sea yesterday; the first division which sailed December 23 is believed to consist of returning transports and private vessels bound for Europe; expects more detailed information in a few days and will forward it immediately; postscript states that since writing the above Washington has received a letter from Gen. [Samuel Holden] Parsons, who mentions that "a number of Southern refugees are said to be on board the fleet, among them governor Martin."

Copy.

L. Signed by copyist: "Go Washington." 2 pp. Enclosed in **911.**

1779
Dec. 29

Plater, George and James Forbes, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee].

910
V, 28

Enclose letter from Major [Henry] Lee for aid; nothing can be done for him by Board of War; 163 vessels embarked from New York on December 23, apparently to reinforce their "Southern Quarter."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **904, 905.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 393.

1779
Dec. 30

Huntington, Samuel, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

911
VIII, 78

Encloses important intelligence which has just come to hand.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **907-909.**

[1779?]

Deposition.

912
X, 55

Capt. Henry Fritz arrived in York [Pennsylvania(?)] March 25, having landed at Eden Town [South Carolina] from Nantes where in October Jonathan Williams read him a letter from Silas Deane stating Capt. Joseph Hinson had turned traitor; Williams, Capt. [———] Young, and Capt. [———] Bell separately stated Hinson had concealed dispatches in his shoes "between the soles."

Copy.

L. Signed: "Henry Fritz." 1 p. On same page with **913.**

[1779?]

Deposition.

913
X, 55a

William Comstock testifies he heard [Jonathan] Williams read part of a letter stating [Capt. Joseph] Hinson was a traitor; Williams asked Capt. [James] Nicholson to hear what [Silas] Deane wrote; several persons said Hinson had carried off dispatches; this occurred in late October.

Copy.

D. Signed: "Wm. Comstock." 1 p. On same page with **912.**

1780
Jan. 3

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee.

914
X, 105

Copy of Washington's letter of December 27, 1779 [see **909**] is enclosed; no account of sailing and destination is given.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1780
Jan. 5

Plater, George and James Forbes, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

915
V, 95

Sending enclosed letter from Major [Henry] Lee by Gen. [William] Smallwood; postscript states that about 5,000 troops sailed from New York.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 398.

1780
Jan. 13

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

916
VII, 22

Resolution recommending that the states "transmit with all possible expedition to Genl. Washington the names and rank of all Officers & the number of privates belonging to the Enemy, held as Prisoners of War within their borders and the places where they are located, in order that they may be included in the General Exchange should a Cartel be agreed to between the Commanders in Chief of the American & British Armies"; additional resolutions, based on the report of the Board of War of August 21, 1779, require that all prisoners of war be delivered to the custody of the Commissary General of Prisoners. provide for the care and safekeeping of prisoners and regulate the mode of exchanging them.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 7 pp. Enclosed in **918.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVI, 48-52.

1780 Jan. 14 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **917** VII, 21

Resolution, adopted in pursuance of "the Eleventh Article of the treaty of Amity and Commerce" between France and the United States which provides that subjects of the United States "shall be exempted from the Droit d'Aubaine, or other similar duty" as long as subjects of France shall enjoy complete reciprocity in this respect, recommending that the states confer on French subjects privileges and immunities in the form and spirit of the above article.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **918.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVI, 56-57.

1780 Jan. 18 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **918** VII, 23

Encloses two Acts of Congress of January 13 and 14; the first which contains general regulations relating to prisoners of war has been much needed; calls attention to the paragraph requesting the states to transmit to Gen. Washington lists of prisoners held by each state and their location; the other act recommends that the states confer "like privileges & Immunities" on French subjects as are granted to subjects of the United States "by the recited Articles in the Treaty of Amity & Commerce."

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Several words obscured by the loss of small fragments of the paper. Encloses **916, 917.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 405.

1780 Feb. 1 Plater, George, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **919** V, 66

Sends the enclosed with [John] Holker; the enemy returned "Lord" [William Alexander] Stirling's visit, burned some houses near Elizabeth Town, [New Jersey], and took 3 or 4 officers and about 60 privates prisoner, surprising the advanced posts.

L.S. 1 p.

1780 Feb. 1 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **920** VII, 24

Encloses journals of Congress which will complete the set for Maryland to January 1; they will be printed in monthly pamphlets hereafter; Thomson has not yet received an answer to his letter of November 20, 1779.

L.S. 1 p.

1780 Feb. 17 "A Return of the Officers and Privates belonging to the State of Maryland and Attach'd to the Corps hereafter Specified under the Resolution of Congress of the 15th of March 1779," "War Office," Philadelphia. **921** VII, 174

Listed under 5 headings: "Names, Rank, Company, County, Town":

Colonel Charles Harrison's Regiment of Artillery: Captain Lieutenant William Godman, First Lieutenant Richard Waters, Corporal James Waters, Bombardier Notley Maddox, Matrosses James Hearding, Joseph Clayton, Captain William Brown, Captain Lieutenant James Smith, First Lieutenant

James McFadon, Second Lieutenants Clement Skerritt, John Carson, Serjeants John Staples, James Adams, Henry Slack, Thomas Barber, Bat. Corkran, Charles Stuart, Corporals Arthur Carnes, Tomelin Spencer, Matthew Adams, [John] Ratliff, [Thomas] Fanning, Bombardiers Michael Hawke, Thomas Condron, Michael O'Bryan, William Jones, William Haynie, Gunners Philip O'Bryan, John Vaughan, John Connolly, James Noiston, Fifer James Brooks, Drummer David Young, Matrosses John Burk, Isaac Burton, George Baker, William Connelly, Robert Campbell, Timothy Connelly, Patrick Coursey, John Carroll, Thomas Carter, James Cole, James Clarke, Hugh Camptin, James Cumpton, William Davis, John Evans, John FitzGerald, Sr., John Fitzgerrald Jr., John Folks, James Ford, Charles Groom, Mark Goldsbury, Ignatius Griffith, Jonathan Gill, Daniel Havey, Henry Higgs, John Head, Michael Hughes, William Hickinson, Edward Jefferson, William Johnson, Francis Johnson, Joshua Lovely, John Linch, James Morris, Charles Murit, Henry Magan, Charles McCloclin, Mayes Nevill, Benjamin Patmore, Joseph Pogue, Francis Popham, Samuel Popham, John Roads, Peter Robertson, John Reynolds, Darby Speley, Thomas Smith, Charles [Dowde(?)], Reuben Scott, James Taylor, James Wheelon, James Welch, Peter Lawrence, Ignatius Butler, Captain Richard Dorsey, Captain Lieutenant Ebenezer Finlay, First Lieutenant Robert Willmot, Second Lieutenants Nicholas Rickets, Young Wilkinson, Serjeants James Rice, Thomas Neilson, Thomas Smith, Samuel Thompson, Robert Thompson, David Welch, Corporals John Clarke, Timothy Donovan, Thomas Granger, David Meroney, Alexander McMullen, Daniel White, Bombardiers Edward Coughlan, William Day, John Pierson, Patrick Shaughness, John Turner, Gunners John Brandy, Philip Jones, John Fitzpatrick, Daniel Neale, Matrosses James Berry, Robert Britt, Michael Canner, William Delany, Bryan Ferrall, Dennis Flanagan, William Forbes, William Grimes, John Howard, John Hanlon, James Jack, John Gillour, Henry Killicher, Matthew Kelly, Howell Lewis, Matthew McMahon, Philip Masterson, William McNamara, Freeman Newman, Roger O'Daniel, Frederick Pine, Daniel Rawdon, Thomas Ransdell, William Reed, Andrew Shy, John Sanda, John Taylor, John Wheeler, William Wade, Richard Wilkinson, Hugh McDowell, William Cornwell, Gunner Henry Middleton, Matrosses Luke Bullen, Nicholas Dorsey.

Captain Noah Nicholas' Company of Artillery Artificers: John Diddy.

Major Caleb Gibb's Corps of Guards: Privates Solomon Townsend, James Frazer, Henry Dispert.

Captain J. Paul Schott's Corps of Foot: First Lieutenant Lawrence Myers, Quarter Master Serjeant Francis Magannon, Serjeant John Stinchiser, Corporal Andrew Humbrey, Privates Valentine Keyser, James Richway, John Bengal, Samuel Ulet, John Rock, Bazil Lewis, Christopher Felts.

Colonel John Lamb's Regiment of Artillery: Serjeant Archibald McNair, Matross Arthur Gillas.

Colonel John Crane's Regiment of Artillery: Second Lieutenant John Driskill, Gunner Robert Hankins.

Major Henry Lee's Partizan Corps: Captains John Rudolph, Michael Rudolph, Lieutenant George Handy, Serjeant Thomas Broome, Quarter Master Serjeant John Strahan, Privates John Ward, Jonathan Short, William Cruckshanks, Trumpeters Jesse Crosby, William French, Privates John Kincade, John Bennett, John Wisham, John Bonnedy, John Kinnard, Robert Crouch, James Gillis, John G. Thomas, John Manly, Abiah Hucans, George Boyce, Richard Bassett, Joseph Owens, Joseph Kemphill, Samuel Jenkins, Benjamin Chestnut, Matthew Harvey, Christopher Rutledge, George Hill, James McCraken, John Johnson, James Wallace, James Brown, Burnet Alie, David Henderson.

Colonel Moses Hazen's Regiment: Privates James Hayton, Harvey Burns, Daniel Heath, Jacob Haggis, David Kennedy, Thomas Magee, Jonathan Thomas, First Lieutenant Joseph Lewis, Drummer John McColgain, Privates William Brown, John Craig, John Dugan, James Duncan, Messy Fluart, John Kuny, Charles March, William Patterson, Edward White, Francis Ward, Captain John

Carlisle, Serjeant John Ryan, Corporals William Donly, Philip McDonald, Drummer George McDonald, Privates Nehemiah Barnes, John Batten, Edward Connor, Thomas Deavour, William Deacons, John Durbin, Samuel Frazer, James Hopkins, James McIntire, James Murray, Martin Mulloy, George Somerville, William Smith, Francis Tycount, Edward Wall, Christopher Nash, Serjeant Bartholemew Sheridan, Private Thomas Robinson, Captain Michael Gilbert, Privates James Edes, James Flood, William Perkins, Corporal William Goodman, Privates Michael Anderson, John Collins, Michael Carroll, Hugh Connolly, Daniel Frazer, Samuel Richardson, Edward Rock, Benjamin Wilson, Captain John Hughes.

Certified to be "a true copy, taken from the Original Returns of the said Corps filed in this Office under the Resolution of Congress of March the 15th 1779."

D. Signed by Benjamin Stoddert Secretary. 8 pp. Arranged as follows: mounted on the first leaf: 174 (1) a double sheet containing the beginning and the end of the return and the certificate; mounted on the second leaf: 174 (2) a double sheet belonging within 174 (1) and containing the middle portion of the return. Enclosed in **924.**

1780 Legislature of New York. **922**
Feb. 19 "An Act to facilitate the Completion of the Articles of Confederation and VII, 66
perpetual Union among the United States of America": the Delegates to Congress from New York are authorized to cede such lands in the western part of New York as they shall deem expedient and to reserve the jurisdiction of the state over the lands in part or in whole as shall seem best; any ceded lands remaining with the jurisdiction of the State shall be disposed of as Congress shall direct but the patents are to be issued by the state; this trust may not be executed unless at least three New York Delegates are present in Congress.

Copy.

D. Signed by copyist: Robert Harper, Deputy Secretary of State. 3 pp.

Noted in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVI, 236.

1780 Plater, George and James Forbes, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim **923**
Feb. 23 Lee]. V, 94

Enclose Act of Congress on officers' clothing; request for drawing on Continental treasury in the state for such supplies has been sent to committee; believe it can be done without trouble.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 432 and *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 49.

1780 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas **924**
Feb. 23 Sim Lee]. VII, 175

Encloses "a return of the officers & men belonging to the State of Maryland, attached to the Additional & Independent Corps, therein specified"; the original returns were made out some months ago and many changes must have taken place since.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **921.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 432.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **925**
Feb. 25 Resolution assigning quotas of supplies, such as beef, rum, salt, hay, flour, VII, 25
corn, tobacco, and rice to be procured for the ensuing campaign by New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 4 pp. Enclosed in **926.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVI, 196-200.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **926**

Feb. 26 Encloses an Act of Congress of February 25 calling upon the states to procure their quotas of supplies for the ensuing campaign; in assigning the quotas Congress has endeavored to suit the convenience of each state; the prices are fixed in Spanish milled dollars and the accounts will be finally settled in like currency; each state is expected to furnish, collect, and deposit the supplies assigned to it; to enable the states to comply more easily with this Act, they are excused from paying into the Continental Treasury two-thirds of the monies called for by the Resolution of October 6, 1779; Congress has formed its estimates so as to be prepared for any contingency. VII, 26

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **925.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 434-435.

1780 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **927**

Mar. 7 The Board of War is alarmed at the accounts received from the Commissary General of Issues of the state of the provisions at Camp; unless relief is afforded the Army may be obliged to disband; the whole State of [New] Jersey is exhausted by its exertions to supply the troops this winter; the Board therefore requests the Governor and Council to cause as much flour as possible to be forwarded to relieve the distress of the Army. VII, 176

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 444.

1780 Plater, George and James Forbes, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **928**

Mar. 7 Received Lee's letter of February 18; the French Minister imputed no other motive to the seizing of the French flour than the relieving of the Army; the extent of gubernatorial powers not permitting the suspension of laws was explained to him; he could not invite the French fleet to this coast because of uncertainty of supplies; a committee report on [John] Holker's application for 3,000 additional barrels of flour will be communicated when passed. V, 52

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 442 and *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 63-64.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **929**

Mar. 11 Proclamation recommending to the states that April 26 be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. VII, 29

D. Signed by Samuel Huntington and Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVI, 252-253.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **930**

Mar. 11 Resolution, adopted after considering the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter of January 31 from the Board of War and the two letters from [John] Holker relative to supplies for the French fleet, instructing the Board of War to give directions for replacing out of the public stores the flour borrowed of Holker, Agent for the Marine of France, in 1779; Maryland, Pennsylvania and Connecticut are requested to deliver to him certain quantities of flour and pork out of the supplies called for in the Resolution of February 25. VIII, 27

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **931.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVI, 251-252

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **931**

Mar. 11 Encloses Act of Congress requesting Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut to deliver to [John] Holker, Agent for the Royal Marine of France, certain quantities of flour and other provisions before May 1; said articles are to be considered as part of quotas of those states called for by the Resolution of February 25. VII, 28

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **930.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 447.

1780 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To J[eremiah] T[ownley] **932**
Mar. 13 Chase, "President of the Council," Annapolis. VII, 194

In answer to Chase's letter of March 3, Stoddert is enclosing a resolve of Congress of August 16, 1779 and the estimates of the Clothier General for the years 1778 and 1779 made in consequence thereof; soldiers who have clothing due them should be paid for the deficiencies; whenever it has been impracticable to comply with the method of settling for deficiencies established by the resolve, the Board has ordered their Paymaster to pay men who have been discharged before they were settled with, but it is presumed that men still in service should be paid as Congress directs; postscript states that a list of men belonging to Maryland will be sent in next post.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **855, 856.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 449.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **933**
Mar. 18 Resolution, adopted to remedy the evils caused by the depreciation of the VII, 30
paper money in circulation, prescribing measures for drawing in the bills of credit previously emitted, and regulating the emission of new bills to be issued by the states and backed by the United States and not to exceed one-twentieth of the amount of the bills brought in.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 6 pp. Enclosed in **936.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVI, 262-266.

1780 Board of War and Ordnance, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. **934**
Mar. 19 Account of cash paid by Joseph Carleton, Paymaster to the Board of War VII, 191
and Ordnance, to soldiers of the Maryland Line for deficiencies of clothing due; payments made from October 6, 1779 to March 4, 1780 to Samuel Marlow, Patrick Lemon, William Gibbons, George Bettson, L[evin(?)] Hays, Alexander Sparrow, Sergeant James Ayres, Mathew Hamilton, Joseph Bray, John Rickets, John Crouch, Richard Garey, Christopher Minges, John Hopewell, John Turbutt, William Gilpin, Sergeant John Lowe, Cornelius Conner, James Maxwell, Lewis Jones.

"A true Copy."

D. Signed by Joseph Carleton. 1 p.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **935**
Mar. 20 Resolution recommending that the states revise their laws enacted pursuant VII, 30a
to a former Resolution of Congress making the Continental bills of credit legal tender and amend them in the manner "most conducive to justice in the present state of the paper currency."

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVI, 268.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **936**
Mar. 20 Encloses Act of Congress of March 18, "calling upon the several States VII, 31
to bring in the Continental Currency by monthly taxes or otherwise" in proportion to the quotas assigned them by the Resolution of October 7, 1779 and making provisions for other bills to be issued in lieu thereof; this Act is the result of much deliberation in an effort to avoid the "Embarrassments of a fluctuating Medium" and at the same time afford the "means for supporting the ensuing Campaign"; it is requested that there be no delay in considering the Act and that any laws enacted in pursuance thereof be sent to Congress; the new bills will be struck under the direction of the Treasury Board and the proper quotas sent to the states; also encloses an Act of this day recom-

mending a revision of such laws as may have been passed by the states making the Continental bills legal tender.

"Circular."

L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **933.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 460 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 81-82.

1780 Mar. 21 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **937** VII, 30b

Resolution recommending that the states suspend making new appointments of officers except where required by Gen. Washington or the commanding officer in the Southern department.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour Cont. Cong.*, XVI, 272-273.

1780 Apr. 4 Plater, George, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **938** V, 69

Forwards letter received April 3.

L.S. 1 p.

1780 Apr. 15 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **939** VII, 32

Resolution providing that any state which shall furnish officers of the hospital and medical staff with clothing to which they are entitled by a resolution of November 20, 1779 shall have credit for such clothing in its account with the United States.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **943.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVI, 366-367.

[**1780** Apr. 15] "State of Maryland In A/C with the United States on Account of Taxes." **940** VII, 183

Debits indicate "the Quota of the 5 Million Tax" apportioned to Maryland from November 22, 1777 to October 7, 1779 and Credits indicate drafts made by the President of Congress in favor of Jeremiah Wadsworth, Maj. Gen. [Nathanael] Greene and Ephraim Blaine.

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **941.**

1780 Apr. 15 Gibson, John, "Treasury Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **941** VII, 184

Calls attention to the enclosed statement of the "Tax Account of Maryland"; "we shall be careful to confine our Reports for Warrants to the exact amount, and as large sums are due from the United States to the Inhabitants of the State, shall as far as possible, appropriate the Continental Taxes thereof within the same"; the drafts are intended to discharge "Debts now owing from the Public" and to keep the supplies from failing until the state purchases take effect; the Resolution of Congress of March 18 will show why the taxes of January and February 1780 have been included.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **940.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 471.

1780 Apr. 17 Washington, George, [Morristown, New Jersey]. To [Samuel Huntington, Philadelphia]. **942** VII, 212

"It is of great moment that the States through which the Maryland Division passes, should be engaged to exert themselves to get them forward."

Extract.

L. Signed by copyist "G. W." 1 p. Enclosed in **944.**

1780 Apr. 20 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **943** VII, 33

Enclosed Act of Congress of April 15 will inform Lee that any state furnishing clothing to officers of the hospital and medical staff shall receive credit for it.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **939.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 475.

1780 Apr. 21 — **944** VII, 211

Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

Encloses an extract of a letter from Gen. Washington relating to the southward march of the troops; "it was expected that the whole Maryland Line, the Delaware Regiment, a Regiment of Artillery, & the Infantry of Major [Henry] Lee's corps would have embarked at the Head of Elk, [Maryland] & proceeded by water" to Petersburg in Virginia; but the operations of the enemy in the Chesapeake may cause them to go by land in which case the assistance of Maryland in procuring wagons and other supplies will be appreciated; it is embarrassing to trouble the states so often, but the emergencies of war leave no other choice.

A.L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **942.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 475-476.

1780 Apr. 24 — **945** VII, 35

Huntington, Samuel, [Philadelphia]. To "the Governor & the Legislative of the State of Maryland."

"It is the Duty of Congress to be as full and explicit in their Requisitions as the public Exigencies are great and pressing"; all the monies due on the quotas of taxes to March 1 are needed immediately to discharge the numerous debts which have accumulated on the public departments and also to pay for transportation and supplies for the Army until the states are prepared to furnish them; drafts are being made to the whole amount of the quotas due; it is absolutely essential that there be no delay in the collections; the specific supplies required by the Resolution of February 25 will also be urgently needed, as this must be relied upon as the principal if not the only resource from which the Army is to be supported; Congress is confident that the states will cooperate fully; even after five years of war "the Resources of our Country . . . are still abundant"; all that is needed is "an established Medium of Negotiation which it is believed has been provided by the Resolution of March 18 from which the most extensive Benefit may be justly expected."

"Circular."

L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 480-482.

1780 May 19 — **946** VII, 36

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution calling upon Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire to pay into the Continental Treasury within thirty days ten million dollars and assigning the proportion to be paid by each; bills are to be drawn on Benjamin Franklin and John Jay for 25,000 dollars each and offered for sale in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, the money raised to be used for bringing the Army into the field and supplying it; the committee at headquarters is directed "to expedite the drawing forth the supplies of the States required by the resolution of Congress" of February 25 and other supplies needed by Gen. Washington.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **947.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVII, 437-439.

1780 May 19 — **947** VII, 37

Huntington, Samuel, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

France "is preparing to send a powerful naval & land force" to America which depending on the exertions of the United States could be the means of victory or disgrace; for obvious reasons the Treasury is exhausted and money is needed to put the Army in motion; in making the enclosed requisition, Congress has limited its demands to the ability of the states to comply; if the sums required cannot be collected by taxes perhaps they may be obtained by loans; Congress has appointed a committee to assist Gen. Washington in drawing out supplies and requests the states to cooperate with the committee.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **946.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 497-498 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 155-156.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **948**

May 19 There being but one Delegate from Maryland attending at Congress, that state is not represented; matters of great importance lie before Congress and it is requested that Maryland be represented as soon as possible. VII, 34

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 498.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **949**

May 20 Resolution requesting the states to forward their quotas of troops to join the Army as soon as possible. VII, 36a

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVII, 442.

1780 Gibson, John, "Treasury Office," Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **950**

May 24 In response to Lee's request in his letter of May 18 to the President of Congress, the Board of Treasury has "ordered into the Hands of Mr. Thomas Harwood, the Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office in your State, Bills of Exchange on the Honble John Jay, the Minister of the United States at the Court of Spain; to be delivered to Mr. [———] Davidson, in Payment of the Money advanced by him on the public Account." VII, 182

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 501.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **951**

May 26 Resolution, adopted for the relief of persons who have received certificates and notes for articles furnished for the public service and for the payment of which there is no money in the Treasury, recommending that the states empower the collectors of the Continental taxes to receive such certificates in payment of taxes due on March 1, 1780 and directing that the states receive credit for such certificates when they have been lodged with the Board of Treasury. VII, 38

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **953.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVII, 463-465.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **952**

May 27 Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the committee appointed to confer with the Minister of France, directing that Board of Admiralty "fit for sea with the utmost expedition the several ships of war and frigates now in port" and requesting that the states afford every assistance to this project and pass laws for preventing desertions from the fleet and arms of foreign allies in America. VII, 38a

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **953.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVII, 466, 468-469.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **953**

May 29 Encloses two Acts of Congress of May 26 and 27; the first recommending that the states empower collectors to receive notes on certificates issued by the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments in payment of the taxes due on March 1, 1780; the second reporting the measure adopted to equip VII, 39 the naval force of the United States for sea and recommending that the states adopt measures for "forwarding the common Views of France & America as expressed in the Resolutions."

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **951, 952.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 507 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 176.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **954**

June 1 Resolution providing that supplies furnished by any state, upon requisition, of articles not included or in excess of amount required by Resolution of February 25 shall be credited to the state in lieu of equal value of articles required in future requisitions. VII, 40

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **955.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 480.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **955**

June 3 Encloses Act of Congress of June 1 relating to provisions furnished by any state other than or more than the quota required by the Act of February 25. VII, 41

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **954.**

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **956**

June 5 Resolution requesting the governors of Virginia and Maryland to engage trusty persons at proper intervals on the road from Cape Henry in Virginia to Philadelphia to forward intelligence of the arrival of the French fleet and any dispatches received from it to Congress. VII, 42

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **957.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 489.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **957**

June 6 Lee requested to give necessary orders for executing the enclosed Act of Congress of June 5. VII, 43

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **956.**

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **958**

June 15 Congress hopes that its former representations have led the states to take measures "to enable our armies to take the field with a force superior to that of the enemy" and with ample supplies; however Congress cannot rely on hopes, but must have explicit assurances that its requisitions will be complied with immediately; the loss of Charleston, [South Carolina] and the situation of the Army calls for "every spirited effort"; if we can cooperate vigorously with our ally, we may reasonably hope for a speedy end of this war to obtain freedom. VII, 47

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 515-516.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **959**

June [17] Resolution requesting Virginia to send 5,000 militia and North Carolina 4,000 militia to the Southern Army and to hold additional forces in readiness; the removal of men and provisions northward of Virginia is restricted; the money raised in Maryland and the states to the southward is appropriated to the use of the Southern department. V, 99

"Extract from the minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. Enclosed in **1010.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 523-524.

1780
June 17

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **960**
VII, 45

Resolution requesting the United States from New Hampshire to South Carolina to inform Congress as to what measures they have taken in consequence of the annexed list of resolutions passed on the following dates—March 9, May 21, September 13, October 6, 7, 9 and December 11 in 1779 and February 9, 25, March 18, May 19 and 20 in 1780; all of the resolutions relate to raising men, money and supplies.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp. Enclosed in **963.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVII, 525, list not printed.

1780
June 20

Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **961**
VII, 44

Commissions to private vessels of war were heretofore attested by the Secretary of Congress, but upon the establishment of the Board of Admiralty it was judged proper that they issue from that Board and be attested by its Secretary; on May 2, Congress altered the form of commissions, bonds and instructions for commanders of armed vessels of war and resolved that the Board of Admiralty cause said forms to be printed in sufficient number and distributed to the states.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 519.

1780
June 20

Washington, George, Springfield, [New Jersey]. To [Samuel Huntington, Philadelphia]. **962**
VII, 50

The Committee will have informed Congress "of the measures which have been judged essential to be adopted for cooperating with the Armament expected from France, and of their requisitions to the States in consequence"; Washington has not been able to discover what the results have been; the period has come when the French fleet is expected but he has no basis upon which to form a plan of cooperation; if the fleet should arrive now, he would be in a most awkward and embarrassing situation; the general and the admiral will ask a plan of the measures to be pursued, but under present circumstances he has none; he has suggested to the committee in a letter written yesterday that they write again to the states urging them to make a full return of what they have done; every consideration requires that Washington be able to inform the French as to what can or cannot be undertaken; the success of future operations depends on this point; another humiliating embarrassment is the lack of shirts; the summer overalls at Springfield, [New Jersey] are of such indifferent quality as to be not worth the cost of transportation; such lack of clothing will be most mortifying when the troops begin to act with their allies.

Extract.

L. 3 pp. Enclosed in **965.**

1780
June 21

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **963**
VII, 46

Congress requests information of the measures taken by the states in consequence of the resolutions it has adopted as being essential to the public good; a list of these resolutions is annexed to the enclosed Act of Congress of June 17.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **960.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLIII, 520 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 232.

1780
June 21

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **964**
VII, 48

Resolution, adopted because France, assured by an Act of Congress of January 31 that the United States would place 25,000 men in the field and raise a naval force to cooperate against the enemy, has sent naval and land forces to America and because the states have failed to provide their quotas of troops or give assurances about provisions, requesting the states to inform Congress as to how far they may be relied upon to furnish men, money and provisions and what measures they are taking to do so.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **965.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 539-540.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **965**

June 22, 23 Encloses an Act of Congress of June 21 and requests that it be attended to promptly; "the Arrival of the Forces of our Ally" is hourly expected and "the Plan of Operation ought to be completely formed," which cannot be done without the information requested in the Act; postscript encloses an extract of a letter received from Gen. Washington since writing the foregoing together with an Act of Congress of June 23 which further indicates the pressing need of men and provisions and repeats the request for information. VII, 49

"Circular."

L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **962, 964, 966.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 522-523 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 233.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **966**

June 23 Order, adopted upon reading a letter of June 20 from Gen. Washington, directing that an extract thereof be sent to each state from New Hampshire to Maryland and that they be urged to forward supplies of men and provisions with the utmost expedition and report to Congresss and the Committee at headquarters what they are doing. VII, 51

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **965.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 551.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **967**

June 29 Order directing that warrants be drawn in favor of the Treasurer of the United States on the state treasurers from New Hampshire to Maryland for their proportions of the ten million dollars called for by the Resolution of May 19 and also for the remainder of their quotas of assessments due to the first of March. VII, 52

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 575.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **968**

June 29 The urgent need for the ten million dollars mentioned in the Act of May 19 was fully pointed out, but the failure of this supply now threatens the very existence of the Army; Congress therefore urgently requests that the proportion of each state be forwarded immediately and has dispatched a special messenger for this purpose; a further sum will speedily be needed and Congress has drawn on the states for the remainder of their quotas to March 1; the monthly estimates heretofore made were barely sufficient and their value has since greatly diminished involving "our affairs in much perplexity"; public finances must be put on a permanent basis and for this reason Congress is pressing for the immediate execution of the resolutions of March 18; the states should provide by loans against deficiencies from their taxes; blank bills will be forwarded as soon as acts of assembly providing funds are received. VII, 53

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLIII, 527-528.

1780 Lee, Charles, "Treasury Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **969**

July 4 Gov. Lee's letter of June 26 to the President of Congress has been referred to this Board, which is happy to find that Maryland has approved the Resolution of March 18; the Board will direct the quota of new bills required by Maryland to be transmitted as soon as possible, but first it is necessary that at least the date and title of the Act of the Legislature ratifying the said resolution be furnished to the Board. VII, 181

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 5.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **970**

July 7 Resolution recommending that Maryland permit such agents as the Minister of France shall appoint to purchase no more than 3,000 barrels of flour and ship them to the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies. VII, 54

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **971.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 593-594.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **971**

July 8 Encloses Act of Congress of July 7 recommending that Maryland permit such agents as the Minister of France shall appoint to purchase no more than 3,000 barrels of flour and ship them to the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies; "this recommendation is founded on the special request of his Catholic Majesty through the Minister of France to supply the Spanish Armament lately arrived in the West Indies"; has no doubt the Minister will direct purchases so as to prevent any ill consequences. VII, 55

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **970.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 8 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 250.

1780 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] **972**

July 17 Lee. VII, 179

"There being no resolve of Congress to Justify the issuing of continental provisions to soldiers wives when absent from their Husbands," the Board has ordered the practice discontinued; it is hoped that Maryland may make some provisions for them as has been done in other states; the Board conceives that if any state should have occasion to send men who have families into the field, the support of the families should be at the expense of the state and later on if it is deemed proper such accounts may be charged against the United States.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 15 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 268-269.

1780 Morris, Robert, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **973**

July 18 Encloses letters from the President of Congress and the Minister of France with an Act of Congress recommending that Maryland permit the export of 3,000 barrels of flour to the Spanish West Indies to supply the fleet and armies of Spain acting against the common enemy; his connections with the late Don Juan de Miralles and his constant assistance to "our Allies in this Country" has induced the Chevalier Anne César de La Luzerne to request him to undertake this business; he has proposed that William Smith of Baltimore, while acting for the Royal Marine of France, should also make this purchase; he hopes to conduct the business in a manner satisfactory to the Governor and Council and to have their assistance in facilitating the affair. VIII, 6

A.L.S. 3 pp.

1780 Stoddert, Benjamin, Annapolis. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **974**

July 20 Wishes to clear up part of debt owed by state; promise of payment had been made in April, 1780; goods were ordered for use of Gen. [Horatio] Gates. IX, 127

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1780 July 22 Peters, Richard, "War & Ordnance Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **975** VII, 178

The Board has been "called upon by the Commander-in-chief for a larger quantity of powder than the Magazines of the United States can possibly supply" for the operations in concert with our Allies; it would be most disagreeable "if the operations in which our Allies were invited by Congress to assist us" were retarded by failure on our part; supplies of all kinds are needed, especially powder; the Board therefore requests the Governor and Council to lend it all the powder that can be spared; the powder will be returned as soon as possible or be paid for if the state so desires.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 21-22.

1780 July 25 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **976** VII, 57

Resolution authorizing the supreme executives of states furnishing wagons for the United States to pay for hire of the wagons until deputy quarter masters are appointed.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **979.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 665.

1780 July 27 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **977** VII, 94

Order for supplying the states with commissions, bonds and instructions for private armed vessels and directing the manner of issuing them.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **978.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 674.

1780 July 28 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **978** VII, 95

Encloses Act of Congress passed yesterday providing that commissions etc. are to issue from the Secretary's Office; is also sending fifteen blank commissions, bonds and instructions as agreed on May 2; all commissions and instructions in force on that date are to be cancelled as soon as possible and the new forms substituted; the bonds when executed are to be returned to this Office.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **977.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 35 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 298.

1780 July 28 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **979** VII, 56

Enclosed Act of Congress of July 25 authorizes states furnishing wagons to the United States to pay for the hire of the wagons until deputy quarter masters are appointed.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **976.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 35.

1780 July 28 Grayson, William, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **980** VII, 177

The Board has been directed by Congress to contract for a large quantity of shot and shells; in execution of this order, the Board has sent Capt. [———] Joy to Maryland to engage as many furnaces in the public service as he can; as some of the owners of such furnaces reside in England their agents may be unwilling to do the work; if Capt. Joy is able to make contracts for the required quantity of shot and shells there will be no problem, but if he is unsuccessful, the Board has directed him to apply to the Governor and Council for assistance in compelling the agents "to do the public work on their receiving a valuable consideration."

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 34-35.

1780 Aug. 2 Blaine, Ephraim, "Pecks Kiln," [New York]. To "Board of War," [Philadelphia]. **981** VII, 172

The Army now consists of thirteen brigades at this place and "the daily Consumption of provisions [is] very great"; beef comes in slowly and our magazines of flour are low; the greatest exertions will be needed by the states to feed the Army; "For God's Sake press Pennsylvania and those States southerly to give every possible assistance"; the demand of beef for the French troops will reduce our supplies; expects "Letters from the Superintendants of Purchases" of Massachusetts Bay and Col. [Henry] Champion" which will indicate what supply of cattle will be furnished weekly.

"A true copy."

L. Signed by copyist "Eph. Blaine C. G. of P." 1 p. Enclosed in **985.**

1780 Aug. 7 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **982** VII, 85

Resolution adopting the report of the Board of Admiralty respecting the letter of July 28 from Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee of Maryland stating that his request cannot be complied with because the *Trumbull, Dean, Confederacy,* and *Saratoga* are the only ships ready for sea and by an Act of Congress of July 26 they have been put under the direction of Gen. Washington to be employed in cooperating with the French fleet commanded by Admiral the Chevalier de Ternay.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **984.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVII, 702-703.

1780 Aug. 9 Grayson, William, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **983** VII, 180

The Board acknowledges receipt of Lee's letter offering 15,000 pounds of powder for the use of the Continent; they will apply for it when it is needed at the place mentioned.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 45.

1780 Aug. 10 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **984** VII, 86

Congress cannot comply with Lee's "request by sending any ships of Force into the Chesapeake for the Protection of the Navigation there at this critical Juncture"; enclosed act will show that all such vessels were preengaged before request was received.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **982.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 45 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 319-320.

1780 Aug. 15 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **985** VII, 198

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Col. [Ephraim] Blaine which will indicate the necessity of vigorous exertions by the states to furnish the supplies needed by the Army, especially flour; the returns required by Congress not having been received, the Board has no way of knowing what is being done in Maryland; Lee is requested to order such returns when circumstances will permit; meanwhile the Board observes that *"the very existence of the Army depends upon the supplies by the States, all Continental purchases having long since ceased."*

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **981.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 49.

1780 Aug. 25 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **986** VII, 88

Resolution determining the rank of state Governors or Presidents when they act in the field.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **991.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVII, 777.

1780
Aug. 26

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the committee "to devise ways and means for preventing the farther Issues of Certificates, and for carrying into Effect the Resolutions of the 10th of March," recommending that the states take speedy measures for drawing in their quotas of the Continental bills of credit "to be destroyed either by a Tax, to be collected immediately or by Exchanging for them New Bills to be emitted pursuant to the Act" of March 18.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 782-785.

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VII, 87

1780
Aug. 26

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Contents same as **987,** with minor omissions.

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D. 2 pp.

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VII, 91

[1780
Sept. 3(?)]

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Memorandum indicating the apportionment of each state of the monthly assessment of three million dollars to be raised under the Resolution of October 7, 1779.

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **990.**

989
VII, 92

1780
Sept. 3

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas S[im] Lee.

Encloses an Act of Congress of August 26 recommending that the states draw in their quotas of the Continental bills of credit to be destroyed and raise their quotas of three million dollars agreeable to the apportionment of October 7, 1779; provision is also made for payment of public debts due from the various departments and for the just settlement of debts due to or from the United States.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **989.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 73-74 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 355-356.

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VII, 93

1780
Sept. 3

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas S[im] Lee.

Encloses Act of Congress of August 25 ascertaining the rank of state Governors or Presidents whenever they act in the field together or in conjunction with the Continental Army.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **986.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 356.

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VII, 90

1780
Sept. 5

Henry, John Jr., Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

Major [Edward] Giles remains to secure clothing for his troops; fears offensive operation against New York frustrated by lack of naval force; "The General" has discharged the militia principally for lack of provisions; the Army must disband "unless other states will do as Maryland has done"; laws taking surplus provisions might give relief; presumes "The General's" circular letter on the state of the Army has been received; all provisions should be forwarded immediately; the plates for new emissions meet with many delays; is sending the papers on Col. [Henry] Hollingsworth; has given Lee's and Hollingsworth's letters to "a Gentlemen & the Treasury"; the British fleet is returning to New York from Rhode Island with empty transports; [John] Hanson is ill and the state unrepresented; has written [Daniel of St. Thomas] Jenifer urging his attendance.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 80 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 361.

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V, 61

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **993**
Sept. 6 VII, 70

Report of the committee to whom were referred "the instructions of the General Assembly of Maryland to their delegates in Congress respecting the Articles of Confederation, and the declaration therein referred to, the Act of the Legislature of New York on the same subject, and the Remonstrance of the General Assembly of Virginia" urging a liberal surrender by those states having territorial claims in the western country in order to remove the impediments to federal union; resolution adopted recommending that the states relinquish their territorial claims and requesting Maryland to subscribe to the Confederation.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **995.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVII, 806-807.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **994**
Sept. 8 VII, 72

Resolution adopted to provide "Magazines of provisions and forage for fifteen thousand men for six months" for the Southern Army; Virginia is requested "to equip and hasten forward" the troops mentioned in Gov. Jefferson's letter of September 3 and North Carolina and Maryland are requested to forward to the Southern Army their quotas of troops.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **997.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 812-813.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **995**
Sept. 10 VII, 71

Encloses an Act of Congress of September 6 "adopting the Report of a Committee, together with copies of the several Papers referred to in the Report"; the states which have claims to the western territory and Maryland are urged to adopt the measures recommended "in order to obtain a final Ratification of the Articles of Confederation."

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **993.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 92 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 366.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **996**
Sept. 11 VII, 72a

Resolution requesting Virginia "to furnish her quota of supplies as speedily as may be, agreeably to the requisition of Congress" of February 25, with an addition of 5,000 barrels of flour; "the expediency of immediately sending forward to the Southern Army a corps of Artillery and a reinforcement of Cavalry & such other force as can be spared from the Main Army" is referred to Gen. Washington.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **997.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 818.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **997**
Sept. 12 VII, 73

Encloses two Acts of Congress of September 8 and 11 by which it is intended to provide "Magazines of Provisions & Forage for an Army of fifteen thousand Men for six Months to the Southward"; two-thirds of the flour and beef required of Maryland by the Resolution of February 25 is to be retained in the state for this purpose; Maryland is also requested to forward to the Southern Army her quota of regular troops; Lee has no doubt "received a Return of the Number lost in the Maryland Line, in the Action near Cambden," [South Carolina] on August 12; "from late Accounts, the Loss is not so great as we had reason to fear."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **994, 996.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 100.

1780 Sept. 15 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **998** VII, 190

"The inclosed certificate was sent to the board by Gen. [Horatio] Gates, in order that a commission as Lt. Col. Commandant, might issue to Lt. Col. [Benjamin] Ford"; it is being sent to Maryland because the states have the "sole power of making promotions of regimental officers"; the Board has received no official information of the resignation of Col. [Thomas] Price, but it may have been made to the state.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 104.

1780 Sept. 18 Greene, Nathanael, Bergen County, [New Jersey]. To Samuel Huntington, [Philadelphia]. **999** VII, 76

Gen. Washington, on leaving for Hartford, [Connecticut], requested that any interesting intelligence be communicated to Congress; Admiral [George] Rodney has arrived at Sandy Hook, [New Jersey] with ten sail of the line making preparations for a considerable embarkation, probably in Virginia; it is said that Sir Henry Clinton has invited refugees of Virginia and Maryland to embark on board the fleet; it is also rumored that the rescue of the Convention troops is contemplated but these may be blinds.

Copy.

L. Signed by copyist: "Nath. Greene." 2 pp. Enclosed in **1000.**

1780 Sept. 20 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1000** VII, 77

Encloses copy of letter just received from Gen. [Nathanael] Greene; the intelligence it contains may evenually prove to be only a blind.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **999.**

1780 Sept. 20 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1001** VII, 199

Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the Committee to whom was referred the letter from Maj. Gen. [Nathanael] Greene, recommending that Virginia "be prepared to march the Convention Troops from Albemarle Barracks by the Way of Winchester to Fort Frederick" in Maryland in case of invasion.

"Copy."

D. Signed by copyist: "Geo. Bond." 1 p. Enclosed in **1004.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 842.

1780 Sept. 20 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1002** VII, 74

Resolution recommending that Virginia be prepared to march the Convention troops from Albemarle, [Virginia] barracks by way of Winchester, [Virginia] to Fort Frederick in Maryland in case an invasion of Virginia should make it necessary; the Board of War is to march the new regiment of Maryland by such route as seems most expedient and if necessary the Board may employ the regiment to cover the march of the convention troops; Maryland and Virginia are to be requested to provide magazines of provisions near Fort Frederick for the said troops and the said states should make every effort to procure tents while Congress will do likewise.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1003.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 842-843.

1780 Sept. 20 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1003** VII, 75

Encloses Act of Congress of this day adopting measures for removing Convention troops to Fort Frederick in Maryland if it becomes necessary and for supplying them; Congress has taken this precaution to prevent surprise and if the removal becomes necessary, the Governor of Virginia will give notice thereof; Congress will use every exertion to supply tents and arms for the Militia of Maryland and Virginia, but those states should also make efforts to procure such articles.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1002.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 112 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 382.

1780 Sept. 21 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office." To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1004** VII, 201

Encloses a Resolution of Congress directing the Board of War to march the newly raised Regiment of Maryland by such route as it judges most expedient; "this Resolution is founded upon a letter from Gen. [Nathanael] Greene containing Intelligence received from New York" that the enemy plans "to invade Virginia, and attempt the Rescue of the Convention Prisoners"; even though the story is improbable the Board has directed "that the Route of the Regiment should be by Alexandria [Virginia] to Orange Court House [Virginia], and from thence by Charlottesville [Virginia] to Hillsborough [North Carolina].

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1001.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 114.

1780 Sept. 21 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To "The Officer Commanding the New raised Regt. of Maryland." **1005** VII, 200

The Board directs that the Regiment march as soon as possible to join the Southern Army by way of Alexandria [Virginia], to Orange Court House [Virginia] & from thence by Charlottesville [Virginia] to Hillsborough [North Carolina]; the commanding officer is to inform Col. James Wood, commanding at Charlottesville, when he expects to leave Annapolis and to keep him informed at every opportunity; if while on the route he should receive orders from Col. Wood to halt or hasten the march, he is to obey them, otherwise to proceed as directed.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 115.

1780 Sept. 21 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1006** VII, 78

Resolution based on the report of the committee on letters from Gen. Washington recommending that Maryland "send immediately to the main army five hundred head of neat cattle" over the quantity required by the Resolution of February 25.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **1008.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVIII, 843.

1780 Sept. 22 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, John Hanson, and John Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1007** V, 96

Col. [Ephraim] Blane [Blaine] will present this and a Resolution of Congress requesting 500 head of cattle from Maryland for the Army; recommend it because of the distress of the Army.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 116 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 387.

1780 Sept. 23 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1008** VII, 79

Encloses Act of Congress of September 21 requesting Maryland to furnish 500 head of cattle for the main army over the quantity required by the resolution of February 25; this will relieve the present pressing distress of the army and Congress has taken measures for obtaining future supplies from the Eastern States; the need is so great that Commissary General, [Ephraim] Blaine, was coming in person with the act, but was prevented by indisposition.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1006.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 388.

1780 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1009**

Sept. 26 The Board has received Lee's letter of September 22 regarding clothing for the Maryland troops, but regrets that the stock belonging to the United States is low and the states must depend on their own exertions; clothing was expected in the frigate *Alliance,* but only a few arms and ammunition were brought in; it is now expected in the *Ariel,* commanded by Capt. John Paul Jones, but another disappointment may develop; the Board will make every effort, but "the melancholy State of the public Finances" leads it to expect "no other Supplies but those hoped for from France"; if domestic supplies should be provided, the Board will try to distribute them equally; enclosed is an order for the shirts borrowed of [William] Smith; if the Maryland troops have not received a full proportion of the stock on hand, the deficiency will be supplied; prompt notice of arrivals from Europe will be given; but meanwhile the states should do everything possible; postscript states "Mr. Smith will also deliver any Linnen he now has purchased on public Account." VII, 195

A.L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 120-121.

1780 Plater, George, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, John Hanson and John **1010**
Sept. 26 Henry, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. V, 98

Enclose Resolutions of Congress of June 1780 and will present Lee's bill on September 26.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **959.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 120.

1780 Plater, George, John Hanson, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and John **1011**
Sept. 26 Henry Jr., Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. V, 97

Little has been imported by the Commercial Committee; will send information on linen in a few days; the present "Cloathier General" is a Marylander and will distribute cloth impartially; the quality of clothing and military stores annually imported is low; if the 10,000 suits which should have come on the *Alliance* and are expected on the *Ariel* do not arrive the situation will be deplorable; the clothing drawn by Major [Edward] Giles is here; Lee's letter will be sent to the Board of War; Brigadier [William] Smallwood has been appointed Major General; the French fleet is reported at Rhode Island; Adm. [George Brydges] Rhodney [Rodney] is at the Hook, [New Jersey] and [Adm. Francis Samuel] Graves is out; preparations are making for an embarkation.

L.S. 4 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 121-122 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 392-393.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1012**

Sept. 29 Resolution recommending that the states supply their delegates with money by other means than drawing on the treasury of the United States. VII, 80

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1013.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVIII, 876.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1013**

Oct. 3 Encloses Act of Congress of September 29 recommending that the states supply their delegates with money by other means than drawing on the Continental Treasury. VII, 81

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1012.**

1780 Plater, George, John Henry and John Hanson, Philadelphia. To [the **1014**
Oct. 3 Council of Maryland]. V, 100

The Clothier General reports a number of supplies on hand in August; a new Maryland regiment has been supplied; the deficiency depends on shipment from France which probably will not arrive in time; most of the supplies are in the eastern states and will go to headquarters, so the Army there will probably be first supplied; the 2 letters respecting Gen. [Horatio] Gates's drafts have been presented to Congress.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch of Md.*, XLV, 134 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 402-403.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1015**

Oct. 7 A letter has been received from the Commander-in-Chief representing that the Army is in extreme want of flour; Congress requests that the remainder of Maryland's quota of flour be sent with all possible dispatch. VII, 83

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch of Md.*, XLV, 138 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 410.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1016**

Oct. 10 Resolution providing that the unappropriated lands that may be ceded to the United States by any particular state pursuant to the recommendation of Congress of September 6 shall be disposed of for the common benefit of the United States and be formed into distinct republican states. VII, 82

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 915.

1780 Plater, George and John Henry, Philadelphia. To John H[oskins] Stone, **1017**
Oct. 10 Annapolis. V, 87

The Pennsylvania Act prohibiting the importation of provisions is continued 6 months and from then to the end of the next General Assembly; the Act continuing the embargo is in the enclosed paper.

A.L.S. Also signed by George Plater. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 142-143.

1780 Blaine, Ephraim, Philadelphia. To Samuel Huntington, [Philadelphia]. **1018**

Oct. 17 Wishes to remind Congress that the Army is now being fed on a day-to-day basis; the "Magazines are now destitute of Flour, Bread, Beef, Pork, Fish, Salt, Rum"; New Hampshire and Massachusetts are the principal sources of beef; the French at Rhode Island need nearly all of that state's supplies; Connecticut has informed Gen. Washington that little could be expected there; New York has not been able to furnish its frontier posts with beef; Jersey can furnish little beef or flour; Pennsylvania has little flour and no salt or beef; sickness has prevented Blaine's going to Delaware and Maryland; enclosed letters will indicate the situation in the Southern department; Maj. [Robert] Forsyth, Blaine's deputy, will give further information; all the garrisons in the middle department are destitute of provisions; it will be impossible to keep the Army together through the winter unless large quantities of beef are stored on the North River near West Point, [New York] and at the magazine in [New] Jersey for which there is poor prospect at present; there have been heavy demands against him—part for the seizure of rum by Gen. Washington when the Army marched from Morristown, [New Jersey]; the receivers of cattle and butchers employed by him have received no pay since he took over the department which with former sums will amount to two hundred thousand dollars; begs Congress to enable him to pay them; since July 12,000 gallons of rum have been seized and certificates given. VII, 58

Copy:

L. Signed by copyist: "Eph. Blaine." 3 pp. Enclosed in **1029.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 150-151.

1780 "Extract of a Letter from Europe." **1019**
Oct. 17 The enemy is determined to make a strong push this fall and next spring against North Carolina and Virginia; when Gen. [Henry] Clinton demanded a reinforcement of 10,000 men or else leave to come home, the King and his Council approved Clinton's conduct and promised to send him every assistance in their power as soon as possible; the vessel with this reply sailed from England to New York on October 10. VII, 19

Copy.

D. 1 p.

1780 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim **1020**
Oct. 17 Lee. VII, 208

Col. [Moses] Rawlings at Fort Frederick has orders to call in all the prisoners in his neighborhood and keep them in close confinement; about 100 prisoners at Winchester, Virginia are being sent to Fort Frederick; Lee is requested to furnish more guards or provisions should Col. Rawlings need them; "the Commissions for the Maryland Line will be forwarded in a few days."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 148, 150.

1780 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] **1021**
Oct. 17 Lee. VII, 188

"The reasons which induced the board to direct the march of the new raised regt. of Maryland" by Alexandria, [Virginia], Charlottesville, [Virginia], etc. have subsided; it is submitted to Lee's judgment whether the regiment should not pursue the route originally planned by Gen. Washington.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 151.

1780 Washington, George, "Head Quarters near Passaic Falls," [New Jersey]. **1022**
Oct. 17 To [Samuel Huntington, Philadelphia]. VII, 96

Has just received advice from Elizabeth Town, [New Jersey] that the fleet fell down from New York last Sunday and has since sailed; they are believed to have "about 2500 foot and 30 or 40 horse, but they have taken spare furniture for a considerable number of horse"; Gen. [Alexander] Lesly commands; their destination is thought to be southward; postscript states they also have a number of spare arms with them.

Copy.

L. Signed by copyist: "Go Washington." 1 p.

1780 Washington, George, "Headquarters near Passiac Falls" [New Jersey]. To **1023**
Oct. 17 [Samuel Huntington, Philadelphia]. VII, 196

Contents same as **1022.**

Copy.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **1025.**

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1024**
Oct. 20 Encloses a proclamation recommending that December 7 be observed as a "Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer." VII, 84

L.S. 1 p.

1780 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office" [Philadelphia]. To [Gov. Thomas Sim **1025**
Oct. 21 Lee]. VII, 197

Encloses copy of a letter of October 17 from Gen. Washington; the embarkation mentioned is probably headed southward and it is necessary that the Maryland Regiment be forwarded on as soon as possible; the Board requests that it be informed of the route taken; postscript states that 50 tents have been sent to Annapolis and it is hoped that troops will be able to move as soon as they arrive.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1023.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 156.

1780 Oct. 24 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1026** VII, 59

Resolution adopted upon considering the report of the Committee on the letter of October 17 from Ephraim Blaine, Commissary General of Purchases, directing that Col. Blaine make accurate returns of supplies furnished by each state since December 31, 1779; Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland are desired to forward to the camp the cattle called for by the Resolution of September 15; a copy of Col. Blaine's letter is to be sent to the several states.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1029.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 970-971.

1780 Oct. 25 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1027** VII, 64

Order, adopted upon reading a letter from the Governor of Maryland of October 20, directing that a warrant be issued on Thomas Harwood, Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office in Maryland, in favor of Joseph Clay, paymaster in the Southern Department, for $2666⅔ to enable the extra regiment raised in Maryland to proceed southward.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by George Bond, Deputy Secretary. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 972.

1780 Oct. 25 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1028** VII, 61

Resolution recommending that the states exert every effort to furnish their troops in the Continental line with clothing on the terms mentioned in former resolutions of Congress on the subject.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 977-978.

1780 Oct. 26 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1029** VII, 60

Encloses Act of Congress of October 24 directing the Commissary General to make returns to Congress of supplies furnished by each state since December 31, 1779 and that State Agents transmit monthly returns to the Commander-in-Chief and to the Commissary General of provisions received; also encloses copy of Col. [Ephraim] Blaine's letter and papers relating to it and requests serious attention to wants of the Army.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1018, 1026.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 159.

1780 Oct. 30 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1030** VII, 62

Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the committee on the letters from Gen. Washington, Maj. Gen. [Nathanael] Greene, and Col. [Timothy] Pickering, stating that Congress approves the appointment of Greene to command the Southern Army agreeably to the Resolution of October 5 and agrees that the talents of Maj. Gen. the Baron [Frederick von] Steuben will be useful to the Southern department; all the powers heretofore given to Maj. Gen. [Horatio] Gates are to be vested in Greene; it is recommended that the said states afford every necessary assistance to Greene; the heads of the several departments for supplying the army are directed to furnish him with such articles as cannot be obtained in the Southern department; he is authorized to cooperate in the operations of the allies of the United States; also authorized to negotiate for the exchange of prisoners.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp. Enclosed in **1031.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVIII, 994-996.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1031**

Oct. 31 Enclosed Act of Congress of October 30 assigns the command in the Southern Department to Maj. Gen. [Nathanael] Greene and outlines his powers; the states from Delaware to Georgia are asked to afford him all necessary assistance. VII, 63

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1030.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 166 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 432.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1032**

Nov. 4 Resolution recommending that the states "levy in the proportions hereafter mentioned a tax equal in value to six millions of silver dollars, to be paid partly in the specific articles & at the prices hereafter enumerated & the residue in gold or silver or bills of Credit" emitted pursuant to the Resolution of March 18, 1779. VII, 6

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 7 pp. Enclosed in **1034.**

Printed in Jour. Cont. Cong., XVIII, 1011-1018.

1780 Washington, George, "Prackness," [New Jersey]. To [Samuel Huntington, **1033**

Nov. 7 Philadelphia]. VII, 10

The destruction of grain upon the western frontier of New York is greatly detrimental to prospects of forming magazines upon the North River; the settlement of Schoharie [New York] alone would have delivered 80,000 bushels, but is now destroyed; this calamity would be less serious if flour could be obtained from Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland before bad roads interrupt transportation; unless Congress can persuade those states to furnish supplies in time, the troops especially those at West Point [New York] will be greatly distressed; "I have repeatedly written myself to those States but have received nothing but promises."

Extract.

L. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1041.**

1780 Huntington, Samuel, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1034**

Nov. 9 It is essential that vigorous exertions be made to comply with the requisitions in the enclosed resolutions; "hitherto the war has been carried on principally by Emissions of paper money"; this being depreciated Congress is "compelled to call upon the States for taxes and specific supplies"; the estimates may appear to be large but they are absolutely necessary and the strictest economy will be observed in dispensing the supplies; "a powerful armed Neutrality appears to be formed in Europe determined to support the freedom of Commerce"; should they make peace overtures, it is essential that the United States be "in condition to maintain a War with vigor" in order to assure itself an honorable peace. VII, 5

"Circular."

L.S. 4 pp. Encloses **1032.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 174-175.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1035**

Nov. 10 Resolution, based on the report of the Board of Admiralty to whom was referred the letter of November 1 from the Minister of France regarding "the abuse the British make of Papers or Clearances they take on American Prizes," VII, 7 recommending that commissions for private vessels of war contain a minute description of the captain and his lieutenant on the back.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1037.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVIII, 1043.

1780 Nov. 10 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1036** IX, 43

Contents same as **1035** except that the preamble is omitted.

Extract from the minutes.

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **1199.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVIII, 1043.

1780 Nov. 13 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1037** VII, 8

Having learned from the Minister of France of "the Abuse the British make of Papers & Clearances they take in American Prizes, by personating the Officers & Commanders named in such Papers," Congress has adopted enclosed resolution.

"Circular."

L.S 2 pp. Encloses **1035.**

Printed *in Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 443.

1780 Nov. 14 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1038** VII, 9

Resolution, based on the report of the Committee to whom was referred the letter of November 7 from Gen. Washington, directing that the clause respecting "the laying in Magazines of Provisions contiguous to the Army while the season admits" be sent to Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland and recommending that the states inflict capital punishment on all persons supplying the enemy with provisions or military stores.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1041.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XVIII, 1051, 1052-1053.

1780 Nov. 14 Washington, George, Passaic Falls, [New Jersey]. To [Samuel Huntington, Philadelphia]. **1039** VII, 12

Has just learned that Admiral [George] Rodney's Fleet with Transports "fell down to the Hook on Saturday last"; number of troops on board is not known; it is said that Maj. Gen. [William] Philips commands the Detachment; their destination is believed to be southward.

"Copy."

L. Signed by copyist: "Go Washington." 1 p. Enclosed in **1042.**

1780 Nov. 15 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1040** VII, 187

In a resolution dated February 25, Congress recommended that the state make monthly returns to the Board of War of all commodities procured for the use of the United States; "specifying the quantities issued . . . in each preceeding month"; the lack of such returns embarrasses the Board in judging the prospects of supplying the Army and in checking the accounts of the issuing Commissaries; therefore the Board requests that the person charged with making the returns be directed to transmit them punctually.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 185.

1780 Nov. 16 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1041** VII, 11

Transmits an extract of a letter of November 7 from Gen. Washington and an Act of Congress of November 14 requesting that Maryland forward as great a proportion of her quota of provisions for the Army as can be obtained immediately; the destruction of grain in New York makes this request "peculiarly pressing"; enclosed Act also recommends that capital punishment be inflicted on all persons supplying the enemy.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1033, 1038.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 186 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 449.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1042**

Nov. 17 Enclosed copy of a letter just received from Gen. Washington contains VII, 13
intelligence of such a nature that it is being sent by express.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1039.**

1780 Stoddert, Benjamin, "War Office" [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim **1043**
Nov. 29 Lee. VII, 189

"The bearer, who is the owner of the inclosed petition & certificate, is forwarded on to Annapolis by the board, in order that (if your Excellency should Judge it proper) he may enjoy the provision made for wounded & disabled soldiers under the Acts of Congress of Aug. 26, 1776 & Sept. 25, 1778."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1780 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1044**

Nov. 30 Resolution recommending to the states that they inform the Commissary VII, 14
General and Deputy Commissary of the names of their principal agents for supplying the Army and to oblige the agents to report to the Commissary General or the Deputy Commissary with the Southern Army as to their prospects for complying with requisitions; live stock is to be delivered to storekeepers in each state in such manner as the Commissary General or his deputy shall direct.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1046.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 1111.

[1780 "Instructions of the General Assembly of Maryland to Thomas Johnson, **1045**
Dec. 1?] John Hanson, Charles Carroll of Carrollton and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer." VII, 69

The Delegates named are instructed to represent Maryland in Congress and empowered in conjunction with the other states to prosecute the war, conclude peace, form alliances, and do all other things Delegates are authorized to do by the Constitution; more particularly they are to declare that Maryland is "Willing to accept of the Compromise held out in the resolves of Congress of the [sixth] day of September and [tenth] Day of October" 1780 and when the states claiming western lands have made the cessions recommended by Congress to ratify the Articles of Confederation; they are also to protest against "the heavy burthen this State labours under in point of Taxation."

Copy.

D. 3 pp.

1780 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1046**

Dec. 4 Encloses Act of Congress of November 30 recommending that the states VII, 15
inform the Commissary General [Col. Ephraim Blaine] or the Deputy Commissary of the names of their principal agents for supplying the Army to oblige them to report to the Commissary General or his Deputy with the Southern Army on their prospects of complying with requisitions; live stock to be furnished by states to be delivered to such storekeepers as Commissary General or his deputy shall direct.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1044.**

[1780 Dec. 5] Plater, George and John Hanson, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee] and Council. **1047** V, 88

Congress has referred letter of [November] 22 regarding "the Cattle at the Head of Elk," [Maryland], to the Board of War for immediate orders.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLV, 195 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 477.

1780 Dec. 6 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1048** VII, 214

The Board has been informed by Col. [Moses] Rawlings of the distressed situation at the Post at Fort Frederick in Maryland for want of provisions; the need will be increased by the addition of 800 Convention Troops ordered there from Charlottesville in Virginia; having no other source of supply, the Board has directed Maj. [Robert] Forsyth, Deputy Commissary General of Purchases, to call upon the purchasers appointed by Virginia and Maryland to supply provisions for the Fort out of the Quotas called for by Congress for the use of the Army; the Governor and Council are requested to lend their assistance in this matter.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 1122-1123.

1780 Dec. 15 Washington, George, New Windsor, [New York]. To [Samuel Huntington, Philadelphia]. **1049** VII, 16

"A paragraph in the enclosed New York paper confirms that part of the letter of the 17th of October from Europe" relating to the intention of the British to send further reinforcements to America; this must be communicated to the states with a solicitation to fill up their regiments this winter; some states are depending on volunteer enlistments and others substituting fines when men are not produced; neither method is likely to produce results; "the last hope of the Enemy is built upon our inability to raise a new Army"; the means of reestablishing ourselves are within our reach and should the enemy meet strong resistance next spring they must give up or be forced to do so; the accession of Holland and Portugal to the Northern League of Neutrality will embarrass Britain but she will no doubt "endeavour to revenge herself upon us."

Extract.

L. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1051.**

1780 Dec. 22 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1050** VII, 18

Resolution ordering that the paragraph of the letter of December 15 from Gen. Washington pointing out the necessity for effectual measures for recruiting the Army be communicated to the states and directing that they be urged to furnish their quotas of troops, provisions, and money without loss of time.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. Enclosed in **1051.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XVIII, 1182.

1780 Dec. 22 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1051** VII, 20

Encloses an "Act of Congress of this Day" and an extract of a letter of December 15 from Gen. Washington.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1049, 1050.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 496.

1780 Dec. 27 Washington, George [New Windsor, New York]. To [John Hanson, Philadelphia]. **1052** IX, 116

British grenadiers and light infantry are embarking at New York; 2,500 men are concerned; fleet with troops had reached "the hook" on December 20th.

"Extract of a letter . . ."

L. 1 p.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1053**

Jan. 5 Report of committee which considered letter of Abraham Skinner; British commanders treat prisoners "with every species of insult, outrage & cruelty"; men have been forced to take arms against their country; British prisoners should have retaliatory treatment; Resolution of Congress says governors should carry into execution Act of Congress of January 13, 1780; no British officer or seaman should be exchanged until seamen taken on the coast or sent to Great Britain are returned. IX, 113

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1055.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 27-28.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1054**

Jan. 8 Copy of Maryland quotas to support officers "in Captivity" in New York City and Long Island. IX, 114

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Partly defaced. Enclosed in **1055.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, p. 38.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1055**

Jan. 9 Acts of Congress of January 5 and 8 are enclosed; the "Law of Retaliation" is necessary to obtain decent treatment for prisoners; supplies for officers in captivity are to be obtained by the several states. IX, 115

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1053, 1054.**

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 522.

1781 J[ohnson], T[homas], Jr., Annapolis. To Secretary of the Board of War, **1056**

Jan. 10 Philadelphia. VIII, 45

Has heretofore received blank commissions, bonds and instructions for private armed vessels from the Secretary of Congress, but on his last application was referred to the Secretary of the Board of Admiralty; requests a supply of such blanks as soon as possible as "many Inconveniencies have attended the Owners of Vessels for the want of Commissions."

A.Df.L. Signed by "T. J. jr. Secy to the Council." 1 p.

Printed in *Arch of Md.*, XLVII, 11.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1057**

Jan. 12 Resolution of Congress requires pay of aide de camp, brigade major, adjutants be priced in species; after August 18, 1780 pay will be in bills "of the New Emissions"; $30 per month is to be paid paymaster and clothier. IX, 117

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1058.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 51-52.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1058**

Jan. 13 Encloses Act of Congress raising pay for aide de camp, brigade major, adjutant, and regimental paymaster. IX, 118

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1057.**

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1059**

Jan. 17 Resolution of Congress requires Maryland to settle account for 52 leather breeches bought by Baker Johnson for use of Col. [Henry] Lee's Corps. IX, 124

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1060.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 66.

1781
Jan. 18

1060
IX, 125

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee].

Resolve of Congress dated January 17 is inclosed; Baker Johnson is to be paid for supplies purchased.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1059.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 540.

1781
Jan. 20

1061
VIII, 46

Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To T[homas] Johnson, "Sec'y of the Council of the State of Maryland."

A letter by Johnson to the Secretary of the Board of Admiralty requesting a supply of commissions, etc., for armed vessels was yesterday placed in Thomson's hands; from this it appears that Johnson has not yet learned of the Act of Congress of July 27, 1780 respecting the mode of issuing such commissions; on July 28, 1780, Thomson wrote to Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee enclosing the Act above with fifteen blank commissions and informing him that all commissions in force on May 2, 1780 should be cancelled as soon as possible and the new ones substituted for them; as the letter has not been answered and Johnson is ignorant of its contents, Thomson is enclosing a copy of the Act and 40 blank commissions, etc.; the bonds are to be returned when executed.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 30 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 540.

1781
Feb. 3

1062
VIII, 47

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution recommending that the states "vest a power in Congress to levy for the use of the United States a Duty of five per cent ad Valorem" on all foreign goods imported into any of the states after May 1, 1781 except arms, ammunition, clothing, wool cards, cotton cards and wire for making them, and salt.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1065.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 112-113.

1781
Feb. 6

1063
V, 47

Mercer, James, "St. James." To [Robert T. Hooe, Alexandria].

Writes pursuant to promised "plan of Correspondence"; 7 ships last mentioned at George's Island left on February 2, supposedly for Portsmouth; indications are that enemy intends to fix their post there; they are procuring slaves but apparently returning those belonging to widows and orphans or persons who will pass paroles, providing they are inactive in the opposition.

L.S. 1 p. Defaced.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 55.

1781
Feb. 7

1064
VIII, 49

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution declaring the Act of Congress of February 3 for levying the duties therein mentioned to be in effect as soon as all the state legislatures which are not prevented from assembling by the events of the war have consented to it.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1065.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 124-125.

1781
Feb. 8

1065
VIII, 48
Portfolio

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Encloses two Resolutions of Congress of February 3 and 7 recommending that the states vest Congress with the power to levy a five percent duty on all foreign goods imported into the United States after May 1, 1780 except arms; the duty is to apply to prizes and prize goods also; the monies arising from the duty are to be used to discharge the debts of the United States and to support the war; the power requested does not become operative until all the states, except South Carolina and Georgia which are invaded, have passed the necessary laws; it is urged that the Assembly of Maryland act promptly in this matter and that the acts adopted be transmitted to Congress; the want of a permanent fund to support the national credit creates many embarrassments and makes it difficult to obtain loans.

"Circular."

L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **1062, 1064.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 59-60 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 563-564.

1781 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1066**

Feb. 13 Wrote Lee February 12 by [Francois de Barbe-] Marbois, Count [Armand] Castries and Count [Robert] Dillon; the president received letters from [William] Carmichael dated December 24 by ship from Cadiz, [Spain], but none from [John] Jay; the combined fleet has separated; the French under [Count Charles] D'Estaing supposedly sailed for Brest, [France]; the Dutch acceded to armed neutrality with the Empress Queen dead; believes difficulty over Mississippi navigation will be removed in a few days; hopes the ally will frustrate plans of English to send troops to Portsmouth, [New Hampshire] and Charleston [South Carolina]; will send more particulars of this by Col. [Uriah] Forrest in a day or two; intelligence received of an encounter of 2 ships of the line and a frigate from Gardiner Bay, [Long Island], with 2 French frigates from Boston; 2 men of the mutiny on the Jersey line have been executed; will comply with promises to [James(?)] Brice, [John Hoskins] Stone, and [Samuel Turbutt] Wright. V, 56

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 68 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 570-571.

1781 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1067**

Feb. 13 The Board has received Lee's letter of January 20; the commissions requested in his letter of May 29, 1780 were forwarded to the Commissary General of the Southern Army; the commission for [Roger(?)] Nelson will be made out as requested; in regard to [Moses] Rawling's Regiment the Board has never interfered in the arrangements of the Army and it never issues commissions except at the request of the executives of the states; "the Remnants of Rawling's Regiment cannot now be considered a separate corps as they are not mentioned in the Regulations" of October 3 and 21, 1780; it is up to Maryland to say which officers shall be commissioned in the present army and in what regiment they shall serve; were these obstacles removed the Board would be happy to comply with Lee's request "for issuing Commissions to the Officers late of Rawling's Regiment," but under present circumstances cannot do so. VII, 209

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 70.

1781 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1068**

Feb. 17 [William] Carmichael writes that Jeffry Amherst suggested the plan for a Chesapeake port to the Ministry and that 3 regiments of horse are to be sent to America with the troops; a Congressional committee is considering removing the Convention troops. V, 57

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 73 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 573.

1781 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1069**

Feb. 20 Sent letter by Col. [Uriah] Forrest February 18; Capt. [John] Paul Jones arrived February 17 from L'Orient, [France]; the accompanying vessel with V, 56 clothes was captured and the arms were damaged; he brought only 400 barrels of flour and some lead; clothing for 10,000 men, a quantity of cloth and the arms remain in France; delivered "the Act empowering the Delegates of Maryland to Subscribe the Articles of Confederation" on first day in Congress; completion of this business awaits another delegate; a letter of December 10 received by Col. [Stephen] Moylan from his brother indicates ships and men may be expected soon from France.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 77 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 576-577.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1070**

Feb. 20 Resolution requiring the states south of Pennsylvania to furnish their VIII, 50
quotas of supplies to the Southern Army regularly and requiring the said states and Pennsylvania to send their quotas of troops to the Southern Army without loss of time; it is recommended that Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina arrange to supply the Southern Army from the state nearest it and to replace the provisions from the more remote states, and to establish the most convenient mode of transportation.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1071.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 177, 178.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1071**

Feb. 20 Encloses "a Resolve of this day relative to compleating the quotas of troops VIII, 51
for the Southern Army and furnishing them with the necessary supplies."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1070.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 78.

1781 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1072**

Feb. 24 Lee's favor by Col. [William] Livingston with 2 packets arrived Feb- V, 51
ruary 24; on February 9 Gen. [Nathanael] Greene's Army was at Guilford Court House [North Carolina] and [Charles, Lord] Cornwallis at Shallow Ford, 40 miles away and 250 miles from Charleston [South Carolina], and expected to cross the Yadkin that day since he had burnt his wagons; [Daniel] Morgan has 100 prisoners; believes Greene will be forced to evacuate North Carolina if Cornwallis advances; Col. [Francis] Marion has destroyed enemy magazines at Wandow Landing and Dorchester, [South Carolina] and taken prisoners; 500 troops from Charleston landed at Cape Fear, [North Carolina], and took Wilmington, [North Carolina]; the Confederation will be subscribed March 1, [John] Hanson being here.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 84-85 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 581.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1073**

Feb. 26 Encloses an extract of a Resolution of February 23 requesting Maryland VIII, 52
"to advance to Lt. Colonel [Uriah] Forrest, on Account of the United States, a Sum equal to seven months half pay of Lieut. Colonel, in Lieu of the half pay he might otherwise have been entitled to during his natural Life"; Forrest, having resigned, Congress has thought it proper in consideration of his past services and his loss of a limb in the public service "to grant him the Benefits & Emoluments contained in the enclosed Resolution"; note in another hand states "The enclosed Resolve sent to Colo. Forrest by [Benjamin C.] Stoddert."

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 86 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, V, 582.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1074**

Mar. 1 Report of the ratification of the Articles of Confederation by John Hanson and Daniel Carroll, Delegates of Maryland, in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland which was read in Congress on February 12 and entered in the minutes; all of the United States have now ratified the Confederation. VIII, 53

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1075.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 213-214.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1075**

Mar. 2 The enclosed Act of Congress will inform Lee "that the Articles of Confederation & perpetual Union between the thirteen United States" have been "formally & finally ratified by all the States." VIII, 54

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1074.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 99 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 2.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1076**

Mar. 3 Order, passed upon considering the report of the committee on the letter of February 26 from the Board of War respecting the removal of the Convention prisoners, directing that the British prisoners be removed "to York Town and the Germans to Lancaster Town" in Pennsylvania and directing the manner of their removal. VIII, 3

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1077.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 229-230.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1077**

Mar. 4 Enclosed Act of Congress passed on March 3 will inform Lee that the "Convention Troops" in Virginia and Maryland are to be removed to Pennsylvania; Maryland is requested to superintend the removal of the German Corps from Noland's Ferry on Potomac, [Virginia] and the British prisoners now at Frederick Town, [Maryland] through Maryland to the borders of Pennsylvania and to continue the guards until the British prisoners arrive at York Town, [Pennsylvania] and the Germans at Lancaster, [Pennsylvania] or such other places as may be designated by the Executive of Pennsylvania; supplies are to be furnished by Pennsylvania after prisoners and escort arrive within her borders; if prisoners taken by Gen. [Daniel] Morgan at Cowpens, [South Carolina] should be removed northward, they must be included also; Gov. Jefferson has advised that Virginia has been compelled to send on prisoners at Noland's Ferry; "I have desired him to give your Excellency the earliest notice of their Movement, that a Guard might be ready prepared to receive them"; it is also necessary that President [Joseph] Reed be notified when prisoners will enter Pennsylvania. VII, 2

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1076.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 105-106 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 5.

1781 Hanson, John and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1078**

Mar. 13 Request 3 months' allowance as delegates in Congress; Maryland money does not pass in Philadelphia. V, 49

A.L.S. Also signed by Daniel Carroll. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 122.

1781 Howly, Richard, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1079**

Mar. 13 Encloses major's brevet to be forwarded to E[dward] Giles. V, 68

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 123 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 26-27.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1080**
Mar. 16 Resolution directing that all debts due from the United States liquidated VIII, 41
in or payable in specie or other money equivalent be paid in specie or in other money at current exchange rate; the states are called upon to furnish their proportions of 1,500,000 dollars quarterly beginning June 1; in discharging this requisition as well as those of August 26 and November 4, 1780 and January 15, 1781, bills of credit issued by the states in pursuance of the Act of Congress of March 18, 1780 shall be received in the Treasury of the United States in lieu of specie; the states are to make returns by June 1 of all articles supplied by them under the Act of February 25, 1780; Congress will call upon the deficient states for the full value of their deficiencies by September 1, 1781.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1087.**

Printed in *Jour Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 266-268.

1781 Carroll Daniel, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1081**
Mar. 20 The president is sending intelligence of Gen. Washington of sailing of V, 76
French fleet from Newport, [Rhode Island], on March 8 and the British fleet from Gardiner Bay, [Long Island], on March 10; lists ships of the two fleets; expects intelligence from the south.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 134.

1781 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1082**
Mar. 20 Requests correction in lists of ships of March 16 since the hospital ship V, 77
Fantasque did not sail; is a member of the committee to which Lee's letters on Col. [Alexander Lawson] Smith and the 4 artillery companies were referred; requests extracts of letters from Gen. Washington showing that most of [Charles] Harrison's regiment of artillery was composed of Maryland troops "to obtain justice"; the state and some officers appear to have been injured by the arrangement.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 134-135 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 31-32.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1083**
Mar. 20 Proclaims May 3, 1781 "as a day of Humiliation, fasting and prayer"; IX, 102
"people of the States" are urged to hold public worship and "abstain from Labour" on the day set.

D. Signed: "Saml. Huntington President, Cha. Thomson Sec." 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 284-286.

1781 Barron, James, Hampton, [Virginia]. To Gov. Thomas Jefferson, [Rich- **1084**
Mar. 20 mond, Virginia]. V, 54a

12 ships anchored on March 19 "within the Capes"; one frigate, now at Hampton Roads, [Virginia] with [Benedict] Arnold's ships is under English colors.

Copy.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **1085.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 138.

1781 Jefferson, Thomas, Richmond, [Virginia]. To [Samuel Huntington, Phila- **1085**
Mar. 21 delphia]. V, 54

Encloses letter on the arrival of the British fleet in Chesapeake Bay; Capt. [Anthony] Singleton of [Col. Charles] Harrison's artillery gives report of action between Gen. [Nathanael] Greene and [Charles], Lord Cornwallis near Guilford Court House, [North Carolina]; Gen. [Edward] Stevens and

Capt. [Griffin] Fauntleroy were injured and Major [Archibald] Anderson and Capt. [James(?)] Barrett killed; Singleton needs lead, cartridge paper, and thread; postscript states look-out boats have been ordered from Eastern Shore to notify the French fleet that the British are in the Chesapeake.

Copy.

L. 2 pp. Encloses **1084.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 137-138.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1086**
Mar. 23 Resolution apportioning the quota of 1,500,000 dollars to be paid quarterly VIII, 41a
as provided in the Act of October 16 by the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1087.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 299.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1087**
Mar. 23 Encloses two Acts of Congress of March 16 and 23 "directing that all VIII, 42
Debts liquidated in or contracted for Specie Value shall be paid in Specie or other Money equivalent" at the current exchange; it is recommended that the states amend any laws making Continental bills of credit "a legal Tender in any other Manner than at their current Value compared with Gold & Silver"; Maryland's quota of the requisition for six million dollars to be paid by the states in quarterly installments beginning June 1 is apportioned by the enclosed act; the payments are to be made in gold or silver or bills emitted by any state in pursuance of the Resolutions of March 18, 1870; Congress is reluctant to make this requisition, but hopes the absolute necessity of the case will yield a ready compliance.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1080, 1086.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 142-143 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 33.

1781 [Board of War], "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To "Colonel James Wood, **1088**
Mar. 24 Superintending the Convention Prisoners." VII, 205

"The very considerable desertions . . . among the Convention Troops and the repeated neglects on the part of the British Generals to pay for their support" furnish undeniable proofs that the present system requires immediate remedy; from now on the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the British Convention Troops are to be closely guarded to prevent them from escaping; if any of their officers are discovered to be conniving to promote the escape of the troops, they shall be deemed to have broken their paroles; until payment is made for the provisions and transport heretofore furnished to the prisoners, as stipulated in Article 5 of the Convention, they are to receive no more provisions than are usually issued to prisoners of war; the British Officers are to be put on parole and sent to Simsburg in Connecticut; the soldiers are to remain at Frederick Town in Maryland, but if Wood or the Governor and Council deem it proper the prisoners may be removed to another part of the State; the German soldiers are to remain in the barracks built for them near Winchester in Virginia and their officers put on parole and limited to area ten miles in circumference in Frederick County, Virginia; "no transportation at the Expense of the United States is to be hereafter allowed these Troops" and the transportation and provisions bought by them or their officers is to be carefully limited; it is alleged that the best horses in the country have been purchased by the officers and taken with them when they were exchanged which practice tends to be dangerous and must be discontinued; Wood is also to assemble all the Cowpens and other unconditional prisoners of war in Maryland and Virginia and send them under sufficient guard to Lancaster in Pennsylvania; in all matters not covered by these instructions he is to use his own discretion.

L. 4 pp. Enclosed in **1092.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 145-147.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1089**
Mar. 24 Resolution requesting the executive of Maryland "to pay Col. James VIII, 43
Wood Superintending the Convention prisoners fifteen thousand dollars of the old emissions" or the equivalent in bills emitted under the Act of Congress of March 18, 1780 to enable him to comply with the orders of the Board of War.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1090.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 308.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1090**
Mar. 26 Encloses an Act of Congress of March 24 requesting the executive of VIII, 44
Maryland to pay Col. James Wood fifteen thousand dollars and charge it to the United States.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1089.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 149.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1091**
Mar. 26 Encloses proclamation of March 20, recommending that Thursday, May 3 VII, 1
be observed as a "Day of Humiliation, Fasting & Prayer."

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 140.

1781 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1092**
Mar. 26 Since Congress resolved to remove the Convention Troops, the matter has VII, 173
been referred to this Board and "we have given the enclosed Instructions to Col. [James] Wood who has the Superintendance of those Troops"; these measures are absolutely necessary and it is hoped the Governor and Council will assist in carrying them out.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1088.**

1781 Hanson, John and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1093**
Mar. 27 Have previously requested a supply of cash; bills issued by Act of Congress V, 53
March 18 will suffice; request $1,000 each; received Lee's letter of March 23.

A.L.S. Also signed by Daniel Carroll. 1 p.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1094**
Mar. 30 Encloses "an Ordinance relative to the Capture & Condemnation of Prizes." VIII, 33

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p.

1781 Johnson, Thomas, Jr., Frederick, [Maryland]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1095**
Mar. 30 Col. [James] Wood has produced Congressional Resolution on British IV, 116
Convention troops; "public Safety" is "eventually in Danger" wherever these troops are kept; when prisoners move out of Fort Frederick [Maryland], "conventioners could move in"; reports of fighting between French and British are circulating; the British are in the Bay.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1781 Apr. 2 **1096** VIII, 35

Foreman, David, "Freehold Monmouth County, N[ew] Jersey." To Samuel Huntington, [Philadelphia].

By a report received this day from New York "two of the inhabitants near the Clove took and carried into Genl. Sir Henry Clinton the Eastern mail"; the same channel reports a large embarkation is preparing for Delaware Bay; Gen. Clinton will command and will "take post at New Castle," [Delaware]; his informant has always been found reliable and "the known disaffection of the lower parts of Delaware and Maryland" lends credence to the report.

Copy.

L. Signed by copyist: David Foreman. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1100.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 166.

1781 Apr. 2 **1097** V, 50

Hanson, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

Finds sums of $1,000 each requested with [Daniel] Carroll insufficient and requests it be raised to $1,500; [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette writes from Williamsburg, [Virginia] on March 26 of British fleet putting to sea and returning with transports, supposedly from New York, and with 2,000 troops who joined [Benedict] Arnold; encloses handbill of action of [March] 16; returns of "D A General" show losses of militia and rifle regiments of [———] Campbell and [———] Lynch.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 159 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 41.

1781 Apr. 5 **1098** VIII, 39

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

"An Ordinance for establishing Courts for the Trial of Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas"; persons committing such crimes are to be tried according to the usual course of the law as if such crimes were committed on land; any two or more of the judges of the superior court or of the court of admiralty of the state where the trial is held may hear the case.

D. Signed by Samuel Huntington and Charles Thomson. 3 pp. Enclosed in **1109.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XIX, 354-356.

1781 Apr. 5 **1099** VIII, 34

Livingston, William, Trenton, [New Jersey]. To Samuel Huntington, [Philadelphia].

Has received a letter from Gen. [David] Forman accompanied by a letter to Huntington which is presumably on the same subject; Gen. Forman has received reliable intelligence from New York that a large embarkation for the Delaware Bay is preparing; it is commanded by Gen. [Henry] Clinton who is to take post at Newcastle, [Delaware]; this report is of such importance that Livingston immediately applied to Col. [John] Neilson for an express.

Copy.

L. Signed by copyist: "Will: Livingston." 2 pp. Enclosed in **1100.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 166.

1781 Apr. 7 **1100** VIII, 36

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Encloses copies of letters received this morning which because of their importance are forwarded immediately.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1096, 1099.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 166.

1781 Apr. 8 **1101** VIII, 37

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Order, based on the intelligence that an embarkation of troops is in progress at New York which has as its object the neck of land lying between the Chesapeake Bay and Delaware River, directing the Board of War to cause the removal of all public stores within the peninsula to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy and recommending that Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia take like precautions.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1102.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 365, 367.

1781 Apr. 9 — Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Matthew Tilghman, [Talbot County, Maryland]. **1102** VIII, 38

Encloses an Act of Congress of April 8 recommending that Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia remove all public and private stores and provisions not needed for immediate consumption from the peninsula between the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy in case of invasion; this recommendation is based on intelligence received from New York which is prefixed to the Act.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1101.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 174.

1781 Apr. 10 — Carroll, Daniel and John Hanson, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1103** V, 55

1,000 to 1,500 of the 4,000 rampart pieces, with cartouch boxes, and 3 or 4 mounted brass field-pieces might be obtained from Philadelphia for use by the militia or aboard vessels upon request; postscript states that Col. [Uriah] Forrest left incomplete directions with [William(?)] Gaddiss [Geddes(?)] and [James] Wilkinson about the paper and a memorandum on types for small money; requests instructions.

A.L.S. Also signed by John Hanson. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 176-177.

1781 Apr. 11 — Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1104** VII, 202

Resolution for furnishing "Supplies to the amount of four hundred thousand dollars for which their Minister has entered in Engagement" and "for forming Magazines of flour Biscuit Indian Corn and flesh provisions" to be ready for the use of French Officers.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by George Bond, Deputy Secretary. 1 p. Enclosed in **1133.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 373.

1781 Apr. 13 — Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee] and Council. **1105** VII, 213

Being apprehensive about the safety of the provisions belonging to the United States stored in Delaware and Maryland, the Board has directed the Commissary General of Purchases to cause the stores to be removed to places of security; the Governor and Council are requested to assist him as much as they can; a similar request has been made to the Council of the Eastern Shore.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 186.

1781 Apr. 17 — Stone, Thomas, Portobacco, [Maryland]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1106** IV, 117

Brig with 16 guns was seen off Swan Point, [Maryland]; 8 militia under Col. [———] Harris repulsed a landing party; enemy fleet sailed down the Potomac Bay and Cedar Point, [Maryland]; Col. [———] Lyle's house was destroyed; arms to repel the "plundering Banditti" are needed.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 197-198.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1107**

Apr. 18 Report of "the Committee appointed to estimate and state the Amount VIII, 17
of the Debts due from the United States with the necessary Estimates for the current Year."

"True Copy."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 18 pp. Enclosed in **1112.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 402-420.

1781 Stone, T[homas, Portobacco, Maryland]. To [Thomas Johnson, Jr]. **1108**

Apr. 18 On April 12, 1781 British vessels landed marauders at "Portobacco" and III, 24
stole church furnishings; on April 13 the enemy landed at Capt. George Dent's and burned the houses; Cedar Point, [Maryland] was robbed of tobacco on April 14; 5 or 6 barges and 300 men were in the invasion; to defend all points, arms are needed; 2 or 3 cannons are needed; "public tobacco" should be moved; British vessels rounded Cedar Point April 17, and are anchored at Swan Point [Maryland]; Col. [Francis] Ware cannot give account of transactions.

Copy.

L.S. 3 pp.

Annotated p. 3 "The original of this letter sent to the Reverend Jared Sparks of Boston, by permission of the Executive, to be inserted in a Volume of FacSimiles, which the said Sparks designs to publish, of Letters of distinguished Revolutionary Characters. By Tho: Culbreth, Clerk of the Council." [1826?]

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1109**

Apr. 19 Encloses "an Ordinance for establishing Courts for the Trial of Piracies VIII, 40
and Felonies committed upon the high Seas"; postscript acknowledges receipt of Lee's dispatches of March 23 and April 11.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1098.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 195.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1110**

Apr. 20 Resolution recommending that Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, VIII, 28
Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia "make good the depreciation of the monthly pay of the Officers and Soldiers belonging to Col. Moses Hazen's Regiment" who are considered as part of their respective quotas.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1118.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 428.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1111**

Apr. 20 "Maryland is unrepresented in Congress, having but one Delegate present"; VIII, 32
the important matters before Congress require a full representation from all the states and it is hoped that Maryland will send one or more Delegates forward immediately.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 199 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 64.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1112**

Apr. 21 Encloses a copy of the report of the committee on "the Amount of the VIII, 16
public Debts due from the United States, together with the Estimates for the current Year."

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1107.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 200.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1113**

Apr. 23 Resolution directing the Board of War to remove all public stores and other provisions from the peninsula between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays and from the Jersey Shore adjacent to the Delaware Bay to prevent them from being captured by the enemy in case of an invasion. VII, 206

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1116.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 436.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1114**

Apr. 23 Contents same as **1113.** VIII, 29

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1117.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XIX, 436.

1781 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1115**

Apr. 24 Has order for 500 field pieces from those spared by Board of War and for 2 four pound brass field pieces; 4 pound balls could be obtained; suggests wagon transportation since it would be unsafe by water; extracts letter of Gen. Washington from New Windsor, [New York], April 16, stating that he has advice similar to that from [Gen. David] Forman that a further detachment is leaving New York, commanded by [Gen. Henry] Clinton, for Delaware or the south; the letter from St. Pierre, [West Indies], March 18, in the enclosed paper is from [Samuel] Parsons, agent for Congress, to the Board of Admiralty; intelligence from Havanna, [Cuba], is through Don Francisco [Rendón]; exchange officers from Charleston, [South Carolina], state Gen. [Thomas] Sumpter took "the Enemies post at 96" and made 300 prisoners; postscript states that it is believed the *Confederacy* is taken by the British. V, 78

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 205 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 66.

1781 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To "The Executive Council of the Eastern Shore of Maryland." **1116**

Apr. 25 Encloses "a Resolution of Congress respecting the Removal of Provisions & Stores from the Peninsula between the Delaware & Chesapeake Bays"; urges cooperation of the Council, especially in procuring transportation; the Board has "ordered down a judicious prudent officer with a few Troops & have directed the Commissary General of Purchases to assist in the Business"; they will seek the advice of the Council; horses too should be included among the items removed. VII, 207

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1113.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLV, 669 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 67.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Mathew Tilghman, [Talbot County, Maryland]. **1117**

Apr. 27 The recommendation of Congress referred to in Tilghman's letter of April 21 was not intended to hold up the situation as desperate or preclude the idea of resistance; Congress apprehended from intelligence received that the enemy planned to "take Post at New Castle," [Delaware] to forage on the peninsula between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays; the general interest required precautions against such an expedition and for this reason it was recommended that provisions and forage be removed from the reach of the enemy; intelligence received since then has confirmed this view and led to the adoption of the enclosed Resolution of April 23 to speed up the precautions previously recommended; "the Bravery & Affection of your Citizens afford Congress VIII, 31 Portfolio the highest Satisfaction" and it is confident that upon reconsideration Maryland will be convinced of the value of the steps recommended.

L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **1114.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 215-216 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 68-69.

1781 Apr. 29 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1118** VIII, 27

Encloses a Resolve of Congress of April 20 recommending that the states named therein "make good the Depreciation of the monthly Pay to the Officers and Soldiers belonging to Col. Moses Hazen's Regiment" who are considered part of their quotas as they have done for the battalions belonging to their regular lines.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1110.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 220.

1781 Apr. 30 Grayson, William, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1119** VII, 204

The Board has been informed by a letter of April 21 from Baron [Frederick von] Steuben that his troops are in great want of powder and lead and would like to know if Maryland can give him any assistance; if Maryland can provide the articles needed, they should be sent on and the Board informed of the quantity sent, "which will be replaced as soon as the situation of the public magazines will admit of it."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 222.

[1781 May 1?] Huntington, Samuel, [Philadelphia]. To Matthew Tilghman, [Talbot County, Maryland]. **1120** VIII, 30

Has been informed that a "considerable embarkation has taken place in New York and has been ready for sailing for some days"; Gen. H[enry] Clinton is going with them; "N. B. the foregoing Intelligence was received the 27th of April, Since which no farther accounts have been received."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 203 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 72-73.

1781 May 5 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1121** V, 79

Encloses paper showing steps taken with rate of exchange of old Continental money; because of uneasiness caused, motives have been published in a handbill; it is believed that considerable Continental money has been sent south, [New] Jersey also proclaiming the rate to be 150; many individuals may be injured by lack of notice, although the money is not legally current; the exchange was previously about 225; old money may later be double this.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 230-231 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 77-78.

1781 May 8 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1122** V, 80

Encloses paper with explanation of motives of the President and Council of Pennsylvania in sending Continental money south; little or nothing can be bought with old money in Philadelphia; recently sent clothing returns for Gen. [Nathanael] Greene's army; 2 vessels recently arrived "to the Eastward" from Cadiz, [Spain], with clothing, mostly for Gen. Washington's troops; requests Act of last Assembly session regarding Baron [Johann] de Kalb's family, about which Col. [Charles François] Dubuysson frequently asks; the rampart arms and 2 field pieces are ready; believes there will soon be a large importation of arms; lists clothing ordered for the southern Army.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 234 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 81.

1781 May 12 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1123** V, 81

Sends paper of May 12 by express; no letter received by the vessel from L'Orient, [France]; the captain and a passenger state 3 ships left Brest, [France], about March 20, supposedly for North America, the West and East Indies; Capt. [James] Josiah left L'Orient March 27; postscript states that passenger reports trouble in Ireland and Col. [———] Blackwell killed.

A.L.S. 1 p. Faded and badly damaged.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 238-239.

1781 May 15 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1124** V, 82

As a result of the depreciation, paper money will pass only on ruinous terms; in place of paper money, request the grinding of wheat into superfine flour to enable continuation in Philadelphia as it will command hard money; Joseph Gilpin would undertake this; Col. [Henry] Hollingsworth, the Commissary General, is too busy to attend to this and might be away from "the head of Elk," [Maryland], and delay would be distressing.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 244 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 89.

1781 May 17 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1125** VIII, 25

Resolution, adopted because the Minister of France has represented that the precautions taken in the Resolution of Congress of November 11, 1780 are insufficient to prevent the abuse which the British may make of papers taken in American prizes if confined to vessels of war alone, recommending that the states enact laws requiring the masters and chief mates of all vessels to sign their clearances in the presence of the naval officer of the port who is also to insert a minute description of them on the back of the said clearances.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1126.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 513-514.

1781 May 19 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1126** VIII, 26

Encloses a Resolve of May 17 recommending that the states enact laws "to guard against the Abuses & deceitful Practices of the British by making use of Papers & Clearances they may take in American Vessels"; the measures recommended by this and the Resolve of November 11, 1780 have "become the more necessary as our Allies have not only suffered by the Deception of the British, but in several Instances our own People in the West Indies have also suffered from the French" who believed they were British.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1125.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 246-247 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 91-92.

1781 May 19 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1127** V, 83

Congress referred letter sent by [Charles] Croxall to committee; believes measure cannot be executed since application to send provisions to prisoners at Charleston, [South Carolina], was rejected, but the state may send tobacco; Gen. Washington's answer regarding receipt of tobacco at Charleston by Sir Henry Clinton may also determine its receipt at New York; postscript states money is being returned by Croxall as it is of no use.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 247 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 90-91.

1781 **1128**
May 22 VIII, 23

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the committee to devise ways and means to carry on the present campaign, directing that "the whole debts already due by the United States be liquidated as soon as may be to their specie value and funded . . . as a loan upon interest"; the calculations of the expenses of the present campaign are made in solid coin and the requisitions on the states must be complied with in such a manner as to answer the purpose designed; all laws making paper money legal tender should be repealed; the Treasurer of the United States "is directed immediately to draw orders on the treasurers of the several States" for their quotas of the three million dollars called for on August 26, 1780 which was due December 31, 1780; and he is to continue to draw on them for their quotas of the sums called for by the Acts of November 4, 1780 and March 14, 1781 as they become due.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1131.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 523, 524-525.

1781 **1129**
May 23 VII, 202a

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Order directing the Board of War to "cause Magazines of flour Indian Corn and flesh to be formed of the Arrears of the specific Supplies" required by the Resolution of February 25, 1780 and lay before Congress a return of the supplies aforesaid in pursuance of the Resolution of April 11.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by George Bond, Deputy Secretary. 1 p. Enclosed in **1133.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 528.

1781 **1130**
May 24 VIII, 21

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution expressing gratitude to "the Merchants of Baltimore who so generously supplied [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette with about two thousand guineas to enable him to forward the detachment under his command" and assuring Lafayette that Congress will discharge the debt.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1132.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 531.

1781 **1131**
May 24 VIII, 24

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee.

Encloses several Resolves of May 22, based on the report of the committee to devise ways and means for the present campaign; it is hoped that the states will comply fully with the measures proposed.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1128.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 254 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 98.

1781 **1132**
May 28 VIII, 22

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee.

Requests Lee to communicate to the merchants of Baltimore the thanks of Congress for their loan of about two thousand guineas to [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette; a copy of the Resolve of Congress of May 24 to that effect is enclosed.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1130.**

1781 **1133**
May 30 VII, 203

Grayson, William, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee].

The Board is transmitting Resolutions of Congress of April 11 and May 23 which direct that the arrears of specific supplies for the last campaign which have not yet been furnished by the states be used to make good the engagements of Congress with the Court of France; the honor and faith of the United States is concerned and the states are expected to make the utmost exertions to enable Congress to comply with its contracts; a report on what can be depended upon is requested.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1104, 1129.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 258 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 104-105.

1781 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To Gov. **1134**
May 30 Thomas Sim Lee. V, 84

Letter from [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette, Richmond, [Virginia] May 24, states [Charles], Lord Cornwallis and army joined Gen. [Benedict] Arnold at Petersburg, [Virginia], on May 20, which will force Lafayette to act on the defensive; reports fleet activity at Hampton, Jamestown, and Westover [Virginia] and movement of Cornwallis from Petersburg towards Richmond; intelligence received of planned expedition from the Lakes, against Pittsburgh; complain of shortage of money; postscript states that troops embarking from New York for Virginia were "Grenadiers, 42 Regiment, Anspachers & Bartons Jersey Battalion."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 258-259 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 105.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1135**
May 31 Resolution, adopted to raise a body of militia to supply the deficiency in VIII, 18
the Continental regular line which is now facing the enemy's force operating in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia, recommending that Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland raise several battalions of infantry and other troops.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1140.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XX, 583-584.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1136**
May 31 Contents same as **1135.** V, 85

"Extract from the Minutes."

A.D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1141.**

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1137**
June 1 Congress has heard "both from their Minister at the Court of Versailles, VII, 4
and the Minister of France in America . . . that the Courts of Vienna & Petersburgh have offered their mediation to the belligerent powers"; British have embraced the offer, but France declined full acceptance until concurrence of her allies can be obtained; Spain has indicated eventual acceptance; the intervention of such formidable powers should prove most favorable to the United States if by great exertion we could reduce the force of the enemy in this country; "therefore an unequivocal compliance with the demands heretofore made by Congress for provisions, men & money, are what we have at present to ask for"; it is indispensably necessary that we "place ourselves in such a situation as to enable our negotiators to speak a firm & decided language becoming the characters of ministers of free sovereign & Independent States"; Congress will immediately proceed to carry out plans for defeating the enemy and accept peace "upon no other terms than the Independence of the Thirteen United States of America."

L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 264-265.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1138**
June 2 Resolution directing that all bills of credit issued in pursuance of the Act VIII, 14
of March 18, 1780 in the states after the expiration of one year from the time

when the interest begins to be computed be marked, "Int. pd. one or 1 year"; the states are to suspend issuing such bills.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1143.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XX, 591-592.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1139**
June 2 His letter dated June 1 which accompanies this one contains such important VIII, 19
intelligence that Congress has deemed it indispensable to communicate the same to the states; but the information ought to be kept secret.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 267 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 107.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1140**
June 2 Encloses an Act of Congress of May 31 recommending that Maryland VIII, 20
raise and equip a certain number of troops; since the Act was passed intelligence has been received of the distressed situation of Virginia and of the great inferiority of the Continental Troops in Virginia under the command of [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette which renders the need for reinforcements more pressing; it is urged that they be hastened forward.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1135.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 267 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 107.

1781 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To **1141**
June 3 [Governor and Council]. V, 86

Received letter of June 1; had previously pressed Congress to aid Southern states, but the treasury is exhausted; enclose Resolution of May 31 for relief; if money can be borrowed will have 800 to 1,000 stand of arms given to state by Board of War repaired; will transmit letter to "the General" who is believed to have joined [Jean Baptiste], Count de Rochambeau.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1136.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 270 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 109-110.

1781 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To [Gov. **1142**
June 4 Thomas Sim Lee]. V, 109

Delegates have been released from personal security given for arms since state order was received for 1,500; President [Joseph] Reed cannot set the militia in motion until the Pennsylvania Assembly passes an act; request money for expenses; postscript by Jenifer states letter is being transmitted to Gen. Washington; the embargo act is not yet repealed; does not know where [William] Paca is; Carroll is departing for several days; requests [John] Hanson be informed he or [Richard] Potts should set out for Congress.

A.L.S. Also signed by Daniel Carroll. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 111.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1143**
June 6 Encloses Resolve of Congress of June 2 directing that all bills issued by VIII, 15
the states in pursuance of the Resolution of March 18, 1780 be stamped "Int. pd. one, (or 1) Year" at the expiration of one year.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1138.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 273.

1781 Washington, G[eorge], New Windsor, [New York]. To Daniel of St. **1144**
June 7 Thomas Jenifer and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. V, 108

Received letter of June 3; believes only adherence to regular plans and systems can frustrate the enemy; requests Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland to send infantry, artillery and cavalry requested by the Resolution of May 30 to Army headquarters in Virginia or Maryland when raised and equipped; all possible arms and accoutrements have been sent south; cannot send details because of dangers to letters between here and Philadelphia; relief seems far off but trusts the enemy will repent this hasty advance.

L.S. 3 pp. Enclosed in **1146.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 282.

1781
June 9

Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1145**
VII, 215

Had received Lee's letter of June 1 relative to the removal of the Convention Troops; the Board had previously ordered Col. [James] Wood to remove the Troops from Maryland and Virginia and expects they are now marching to Massachusetts where they are to be stationed; postscript states the Board is repairing and shall soon send off 300 stand of arms for the Maryland recruits and 1000 for her militia.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 277.

1781
June 11

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To George Plater and William Bruff, Annapolis. **1146**
V, 107

Enclose letter received June 10 from [Gen. Washington] to be presented to the legislature.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1144.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 282.

1781
June 12

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1147**
VIII, 12

Resolution recommending that Pennsylvania raise and equip [Stephen] Moylan's Legionary Corps to its full complement and meanwhile send three troops of militia cavalry including those called for by the Act of May 31 to the Southern Army; it is also recommended that Maryland send two troops of militia horse including those called for by the Act of May 31 to the Southern Army.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1151.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 634-635.

1781
June 12

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1148**
V, 72

Lee's letters of June 2 and 4 received; will endeavor to contract for arms for flour or tobacco in Philadelphia but must know time and place of delivery; the intended scheme of raising money from tobacco may prove as abortive as flour; have been reduced to the "humiliating circumstance" of attempting to borrow money without success; cannot hope for relief from tobacco [Philip(?)] Key is to transport if it lies on the Potomac, because it will be necessary to leave before he can arrive; Congress has refused to allow shipping flour to pay debts of officers in New York; the Board of War wrote "the General" requesting [Gen. Henry] Clinton to allow shipping of tobacco for that purpose.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 284-285 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 118-119.

1781
June 12

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1149**
V, 106

On May 26 the Board of War ordered the convention troops from Maryland and Virginia; because of "the difficulties we are under" urge an immediate order for the sale of a sufficient amount of flour in Delaware.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 285.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1150**

June 13 Resolution recommending that the states settle the accounts for depreciation of "the Officers of the Hospital & medical Department" on the principle established by the Resolution of Congress of April 10, 1780. V,65

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1152.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 637.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1151**

June 14 Encloses Resolve of Congress of June 12 recommending that Maryland "raise & accoutre two Troops of Militia Horse" to serve three months in the Southern Army. VIII, 13

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1147.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 293-294.

1781 Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1152**

June 15 Encloses Resolution of June 13. V,73

Circular.

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1150.**

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 120.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1153**

June 18 Resolution abolishing "all State purchases of Cloathing, on Continental Account, and all State appointments and Regulations in the Cloathing department on Continental Account" on September 1; at which time the sub and agent Clothiers are to deliver to the Clothier General all clothing procured at Continental expense. VIII, 11

"Extract from Genl. Orders highhills Lantie 30th Septr. 1781."

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 663.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1154**

June 26 Resolution recommending that Delaware, Maryland and Virginia "settle with the officers and men of the Invalid Regiment who are citizens of those states on certificates from the commanding officer of the Regiment without requiring their personal attendance" to liquidate their accounts. VIII, 4

Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1157.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 697.

1781 Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Daniel Carroll and Richard Potts, Phila- **1155**

June 26 delphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. V, 105

Believe difficulties of being supported will be relieved by safe arrival of tobacco under [Philip] Key and that [William] Mullahon will honor Key's order; letter of [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette, June 18, at Allens Creek, [Virginia], states he made a forced march when joined by [Anthony] Wayne and cut [Charles], Lord Cornwallis off from Baron [Frederick von] Steuben, forcing Cornwallis to march to Richmond, [Virginia]; regret delay in sending arms, which was caused by pressing demands of Virginia, but more will follow soon; no late information from Europe or the West Indies; postscript states there is no prospect of success in purchasing arms.

L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 316 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 131.

1781 June 26

Thomson, Charles, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1156** VIII, 10

"Upon the completion of the Confederacy by the Accession of Maryland," Congress decided to revise the regulations respecting captures and passed the enclosed ordinance on March 27 and on April 7 established rules and instructions to be observed by the captains or commanders of private armed vessels commissioned by letters of marque or general reprisals; until now the Board of Admiralty has not been able to furnish the Secretary's Office with the new forms; enclosed are twelve commissions and an equal number of bonds and instructions; the bonds when executed are to be returned to the Secretary's Office; postscript states there are several vessels in Virginia which have been referred to Maryland because of the deranged state of affairs there.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 319 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 128.

1781 June 27

Huntington, Samuel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1157** VIII, 5

At the request of Gen. Washington the Regiment of Invalids is to be removed "from this City to garrison West Point, [New York] on the North River"; Congress passed the enclosed Resolution on June 26 recommending that Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia settle with their officers and men on certificates from the commanding officers.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1154.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 320.

1781 July 3

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Daniel Carroll and Richard Potts, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1158** V, 104

Commissary of military stores states 300 stand of arms forwarded to Baltimore several days ago and 500 will go next week and the remainder the next; money, which is badly needed, has not been received from [William] Mullahon.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 336.

1781 July 10

Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1159** VIII, 9

Samuel Huntington has resigned as President of Congress because of ill health; Congress has elected Thomas McKean.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 341.

1781 July 12

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1160** VIII, 2

Resolution, based on the report of the committee to whom was referred the memorial from [François de Barbé-] Marbois, Chargé des Affaires of France, directing the commanders of armed or other vessels under commissions from Congress to deliver all French seamen on board their vessels to the Count [Louis] de Barras as they are needed to man the squadron commanded by him.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XX, 745-746.

1781 July 23

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1161** VIII, 1

Resolution directing that five persons be appointed to open a subscription for a loan of thirty thousand dollars for the support of those citizens of South Carolina and Georgia who have been driven from their homes by the enemy.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1163.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXI, 782-783.

1781
July 24

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution appointing William Bingham, John Bayard, George Meade, Jacob Barge, and Dr. [———] Hutchinson to open a subscription for a loan agreeable to the resolution passed yesterday.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXI, 786.

1162
IX, 50

1781
July 25

McKean, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Encloses Acts of Congress of July 23 and July 24 "for procuring a loan of thirty thousand dollars for the distressed Citizens of South Carolina and Georgia, who have been driven from their country and possessions by the enemy and are lately arrived in this City."

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1161.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 368.

1163
VIII, 3

1781
July 26

Lafayette, [Marie Jean, Marquis de], Malvern Hill, [Virginia]. To [Gen. George Washington, Dobbs Ferry, New York].

Conjecture regarding embarkation of British troops is proved partly true by fleet at Hampton, [Virginia] ready to sail under command of [Charles], Lord Cornwallis or Gen. [Alexander] Leslie; announced object is "Potomack & Chesapeak," but true destination is probably New York.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **1167.**

1164
V, 103b

1781
July 30

Washington, [Gen.] George, Dobbs Ferry, [New York]. To [Lafayette, Marie Jean, Marquis de, Malvern Hill, Virginia].

Conjecture on future enemy movement under "his Lordship" verified in part by deserter from New York who states a fleet arrived at the Hook, [New Jersey], July 27.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **1167.**

1165
V, 103a

1781
Aug. 1

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas, Daniel Carroll and Richard Potts, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee].

[Peter] Whitesides informs that the "Bole of Baize" is ready to be delivered on order and the Commissary of Military Stores that the 500 stand of arms will be forwarded; the 2 field pieces await money for forwarding; requests order on [William] Mullahon for the proceeds of the tobacco.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 385.

1166
V, 64

1781
Aug. 3

Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee].

Transmits extracts from letters of Gen. Washington and [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette; postscript states [Daniel of St. Thomas] Jenifer is not present.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1164, 1165.**

1167
V, 103

1781
Aug. 7

Jenifer, Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

Board of War will send the 500 stand of arms and 2 field pieces immediately, but a guard cannot be sent; suggest directing a guard to meet the wagons on the road; postscript states that arrival of troops in New York is contradicted.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 399.

1168
V, 102

1781
Aug. 14

1169
IX, 130

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution of Congress provides passports for use of vessels bringing salt to Virginia and Maryland.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1171.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXI, 872-873.

1781
Aug. 14

1170
IX, 110

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Blank passport form (handwritten), permitting passage of a vessel of salt; time limit is 6 months.

D. Signed: "Tho. McKean President Attest Cha. Thomson Secy." 2 pp. Enclosed in **1171.**

1781
Aug. 15

1171
IX, 131

McKean, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

Acknowledges letter of August 4; Pennsylvania and Delaware have been informed of news of [Charles], Lord Cornwallis in Virginia; encloses Act of Congress of August 14 regarding passports; caution in use of passports must be great "to prevent . . . jealousies among the Merchants or States on this account."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1169, 1170.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 422-423 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 186.

1781
Aug. 18, 21

1172
V, 101

Carroll, Daniel and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

Letter being sent by President contains Resolutions on importation of salt into state and passports; divided proceeds of tobacco sold by [William] Mullahon with [Richard] Potts; unless other assistance is received the bad quality tobacco must be sold at a low price; John Ross will supply money for 600 barrels of flour at Baltimore; postscript states that the President has forwarded the passports.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 426-427 and in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 189.

1781
Aug. 31

1173
IX, 129

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution of Congress permits French Consuls to function "upon the delivery . . . of the Exequatur"; "same mode of Recognition" is to be observed after ratification of a convention.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXI, 925.

1781
Sept. 14

1174
IX, 128

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution of Congress lays down requirements for French Consul; further regulations will follow on "Ratification of Some Convention between his Most Christian Majesty & the United States."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXI, 960.

1781
Sept. 28

1175
IX, 120

Continental Congress, [Philadelphia].

Resolution of Congress recommends that general officers of the Army have settlement of depreciated pay on basis of adjustments of line officers.

"Extract from the Minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1176.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXI, 1020.

1781 McKean, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1176**

Sept. 29 Encloses copy of Act of Congress of September 28 respecting pay of general officers. IX, 121

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1175.**

1781 Extract from a letter. **1177**

Oct. 4 Sir Henry Clinton with 4,000 troops will embark on Adm. [Thomas] Grave's or [Adm. Robert] Digby's fleet in 6 or 7 days with 10 fire ships to attack the French fleet and relieve [Charles, Lord] Cornwallis. V, 92

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **1179.**

1781 Heath, W[illiam], Headquarters, Continental Village, [New York]. To **1178**

Oct. 7 [Thomas McKean, Philadelphia]. V, 93

Sends intelligence from good source to be forwarded to [Francois Joseph], Count de Grasse, in time if possible; a deserter from the *Princessa,* Adm. [Francis Samuel] Drake's ship, reports troops, horses, and arms embarking at Staten Island [New York]; the distress of the tories and loyalists in New York and [Charles], Lord Cornwallis' officers is great.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **1179.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 522.

1781 Carroll, Daniel and John Hanson, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim **1179**

Oct. 13 Lee]. V, 91

Enclosing papers so important that one copy is being sent by land and one by water from the "Head of Elk," [Maryland]; believe Lee will agree to send the president's letter to [François Joseph], Count de Grasse by fast sailing boat.

A.L.S. Also signed by John Hanson. 1 p. Encloses **1177, 1178.**

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 522 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* V, 239.

1781 Hanson, John, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and Daniel Carroll, Phila- **1180**

Oct. 16 delphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. V, 89

[William(?)] Bradford, Deputy Commissary of Prisoners, has transmitted paroles sent by Lee on October 6 to Elizabeth Town, [New Jersey]; location of prisoners is unknown so exchanges may be delayed; Daniel Campbell has already been sent for.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.,* XLVII, 526.

1781 Articles of Capitulation. **1181**

Oct. 19 Incomplete copy of articles of capitulation made by Gen. Washington, IX, 107, 109a

[Jean Baptiste], Count de Rochambeau and [François Joseph], Count de Grasse with [Charles], Earl Cornwallis and Thomas Symonds; article 4 about retention of sidearms by officers and disposal of baggage is not marked "Granted"; articles 8-14 of the articles of capitulation were signed at Yorktown, Virginia; articles 8, 13, and 14 are marked "Granted"; article 9, concerning traders, changes their status from non-prisoners to that of prisoners on parole; article 10, concerning punishment of "natives or Inhabitants . . . of this Country" who were in the present army is not assented to, "being altogether of Civil Resort"; article 11, concerning hospitals for British wounded, is modified as to procuring medicine and supplies; article 12, promising wagons, is marked "They will be furnished if possible."

D. Signed by copyist: "Cornwallis, Thos. Symonds." 3 pp.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1182**

Oct. 25 Thanksgiving proclamation fixes December 13 for "a Day of thanksgiving and Prayer." IX, 119

D. Signed: "Tho. McKean President Attest Chas. Thomson Secy."

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXI, p. 1074-1076.

1781 Thomson, Charles, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1183**
Nov. 5 Notifies governor that John Hanson was elected president of the Congress. IX, 126
L.S. 1 p.

1781 Peters, Richard, "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1184**
Nov. 19 The British prisoners lately captured in Virginia have been escaping and VII, 210
under various pretenses passing through the country to New York; in order to remedy this evil Maryland is urged to adopt measures for punishing persons who assist in such escapes.
A.L.S. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 552.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1185**
Nov. 23 Resolution to punish infractions of "the laws of Nations," including in- IX, 122
fractions of passport regulations; immunities of ambassadors and force of treaties are guaranteed.
D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1186.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXI, 1136-1137.

1781 Hanson, John, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1186**
Nov. 31 Encloses Act of Congress of November 23 about punishment for infractions IX, 123
of the "laws of Nations"; regulations are necessary and both governor and legislature of Maryland should give "immediate attention" to the matter.
L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1185.**
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 559 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 271.

1781 Hanson, John and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1187**
Dec. 4 Enclose extract of communications by Minister of France; request informa- V, 90
tion of quantity of arms and military stores desired; postscript states that a letter of [Charles], Count de Vergennes, of September 7 mentions a shipment to Maryland and Virginia, subject to order of Congress, to be paid for from the loan being negotiated in Holland.
A.L.S. Also signed by John Hanson. 1 p.
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 562.

1781 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1188**
Dec. 11 Resolution of Congress that state legislatures take a census of "White IX, 103
Inhabitants . . . pursuant of the Ninth Article of the Confederation."
"Extract from the Minutes."
D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1189.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXI, 1165.

1781 Hanson, John, [Philadelphia]. To [Gov. Thomas Sim Lee]. **1189**
Dec. 12 Encloses Act of December 10th; completion of quota of troops is vital; IX, 104
Act of December 11th also enclosed, concerns census.
"Circular."
L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **1188.**
Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVII, 571-572 and in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VI, 278.

1781 Hanson, John, [Philadelphia]. To "State of Maryland." **1190**
Dec. 17 In common with New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Con- IX, 106
necticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia, Maryland is urged to help raise the fund of $8,000,000 for further prosecution of the war.
D. Signed "John Hanson Presid." 3 pp.
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXI, 1174-1176.

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1191**
Jan. 2 Resolution recommending that the states pass acts for the seizure and IX, 69
condemnation of goods produced or manufactured by Great Britain which shall be found within their jurisdictions unless they have been imported before March 1, 1782 or captured from the enemy.

"Extract from the minutes."

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1192.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXII, 3.

1782 Hanson, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1192**
Jan. 6 Encloses an Act of Congress of January 2 recommending that the states IX, 68
pass laws for the seizure and condemnation of British manufactures found within their jurisdictions in certain cases.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1191.**

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1193**
Jan. 8 "An Ordinance For amending the Ordinance, ascertaining what Captures IX, 65
on Water shall be lawful"; adopted to establish a uniform rule for determining the pretensions of vessels claiming a share of prizes; no vessel shall be adjudged a share unless it shall have been within a shot's distance of the captured vessel at the time of capture; the share is to be determined by the number of men on the claiming vessel and "the weight of her metal"; if an enemy armed vessel is captured by an armed vessel of the United States, the proceeds from the sale of the vessel shall go to the captors together with one half the proceeds from the cargo, the other half to go to the United States; if a vessel containing spars is captured, the entire proceeds go to the captors.

Broadside.

D. Names of John Hanson and Charles Thomson appended. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXII, 10-11.

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1194**
Feb. 26 "An Ordinance For further amending the Ordinance, ascertaining what IX, 67
captures on water shall be lawful"; adopted because vessels belonging to the United States may have sailed to Europe "before the publication of the ordinance, entitled 'An Ordinance ascertaining what captures on water shall be lawful'," and if they fail to return by March 1 may become liable to capture and condemnation; therefore it is ordained that no ship which shall have sailed from any port in Europe not belonging to Great Britain on or before April 10 for the United States shall be liable to capture merely for having British goods on board; if any vessel of the United States sailing within cannon shot of the shore of any state to a port within the country shall be captured by the enemy and then be recaptured below high water mark by another citizen, "restitution shall be made to the former owner, upon the payment of a reasonable salvage."

Broadside.

D. Names of John Hanson and Charles Thomson appended. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXII, 99-100.

1782 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To T[homas] Johnson, Jr., [Annapolis]. **1195**
Mar. 12 Is sending twenty commissions with bonds and instructions for private IX, 72
armed vessels as requested in letter of March 7.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1196**
Mar. 19 Proclamation requesting the states to set aside the last Thursday in April IX, 61
as a "day of Fasting, humiliation and Prayer."

D. Signed by John Hanson and Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1197.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXII, 137-138.

1782 Hanson, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1197**
Mar. 20 Encloses a Proclamation of Congress dated March 19. IX, 60
"Circular."
L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1196.**

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1198**
May 21 Resolution authorizing state executives to suspend the commissions of IX, 73
captains of private armed vessels who are suspected of having illegal intercourse with the enemy or "of any other mal conduct" until an inquiry can be made; if the suspicion is well founded a report should be made to Congress.
Extract from the minutes.
D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1199.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXII, 280-281.

1782 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1199**
May 23 Encloses a Resolution of Congress of May 21 authorizing state executives IX, 57
to suspend commissions of captains of private armed vessels; as the enemy and some persons of doubtful character "make an improper use of Commissions unduly obtained," calls attention to the recommendation of Congress of November 10, 1780 which is enclosed.
L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1036, 1198.**

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1200**
June 19 Resolution, based on the report of the committee to whom was referred IX, 58
a letter of June 17 from E[benezer] Hazard, Postmaster General, reporting the Southern post was robbed on June 15 within five miles of Harford in Maryland, requesting the executives of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland to offer rewards and take other measures to recover the mail and capture the robbers.
D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1201.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXII, 337.

1782 Hanson, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1201**
June 19 Encloses an Act of Congress of this date requesting New Jersey, Pennsyl- IX, 59
vania, Delaware and Maryland to pursue measures for recovering the mail robbed from the Southern post on June 16.
A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1200.**

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1202**
July 10 "An Ordinance for the Better Distribution of prizes in certain Cases"; so IX, 66
much of a former ordinance as gives the whole of any enemy privateer or man of war to the captors is repealed; only if the captured vessel is of equal or superior force to the capturing vessel shall the whole be adjudged to the captors; otherwise they are to receive one-half and the United States the other half; the Resolution of November 15, 1776 giving a bounty for every cannon and man captured on British ships is repealed.
Broadside.
D. Names of John Hanson and Charles Thomson appended. 1 p.
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXII, 379-380.

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1203**
July 17 "An Ordinance more effectually to prevent illicit Trade with the Enemy" IX, 62
by means of "collusive Captures"; whenever such collusion shall appear "in Evidence on the Trial of any Capture, the Vessel and her Cargo shall be adjudged and condemned as lawful prize to the use of the State" in which the trial is held, except that any person who shall offer sufficient evidence to prove such collusion shall be entitled to half the prize.
D. Signed by John Hanson and Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1205.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXII, 392-393.

1782 Johnson, T[homas], Annapolis. To [Charles] Thomson, [Philadelphia]. **1204**
July 19 Has issued all the commissions last sent and requests a new supply at the first opportunity as several vessels at Baltimore are ready to sail in a few days; will return the bonds on hand soon. IX, 63

Df.L.S. 1 p.

1782 Hanson, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee. **1205**
July 20 Transmits an Ordinance of Congress of July 17 for preventing illicit trade with the enemy; has laid Lee's letter and "the Act of Assembly granting to Congress an impost of five percent on all imported goods &c." before Congress; has no doubt "that the States General of the United Provinces have received [John] Adams in his public Character and acknowledged our Independence." IX, 75

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1203.**

1782 Thomson, Charles, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1206**
July 26 Encloses twenty blank commissions with blank bonds and instructions for private armed vessels. IX, 64

L.S. 1 p.

1782 Alexander, Robert, [New York]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee. **1207**
Aug. 17 Letter is sent under flag of truce held by shipmaster; enclosed are letters for [———] Hammond and Carter Braxton; pleads for help to prisoners of war; with governor's permission, shipmaster is to acquire barrels of flour, hams, and "some other trifling Articles" friends wish to send; Mrs. Alexander and children need some things to be sent back from New York under flag of truce; postscript adds that half a dozen newspapers are sent. IV, 12

A.L.S. 5 pp.

1782 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1208**
Oct. 4 Resolution with a preamble explaining that in spite of the fact that Congress has the sole right of making peace and that by the treaty of alliance between France and the United States neither party may conclude peace with Great Britain without the consent of the other and that the ministers plenipotentiary of the United States in Europe have full power in concert with their allies to negotiate peace, nevertheless the British hope the United States will accept some terms of dependence or at least agree to a separate peace and may send commissioners or secret emissaries for such purposes; therefore it is resolved that Congress will inviolably adhere to the treaty and enter no discussions for peace except in concert with its allies; it is recommended that the states seize all British emissaries and spies and that no British subjects be admitted into any of the states; a copy of this Act is to be furnished to the minister plenipotentiary of France and to the United States ministers abroad. IX 71

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXIII, 637-639.

1782 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1209**
Oct. 8 Balance due last year is necessary to continue in Philadelphia; £497 18s. 4d. (specie) was all governor and council sent; 200 of the balance would be useful; "our family consists of [Turbutt] Wright [———] Hamersly [James] Duane [Ezra] Home de Dieu [James] Madison [Ralph] Izzard & myself"; report has yet to be taken up; 6 states were in favor; by "next week" absent states will be represented. X, 43

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VI, 498.

1782 Oct. 23 Articles of Agreement for the Exchange of Prisoners of War taken in the Southern Department, Accabee, South Carolina. **1210** IX, 91

Agreement between Maj. [James] Wemyss, Deputy Adjutant General, on the part of Lt. Gen. [Alexander] Leslie and Maj. [Robert] Burnet on the part of Maj. Gen. [Nathanael] Greene as follows: (1) all soldiers who have already been delivered are to be considered as exchanged (2) all British prisoners in the American Army including those lately at Georgetown [Maryland] are to be sent to Charleston [South Carolina] as early as possible and be considered as exchanged (3) an immediate exchange of officers according to rank is to be effectuated (4) all militia and citizens taken as prisoners are to be considered as exchanged.

Certificates appended as follows: (1) by Samuel Warren, American Deputy Commissary General of Prisoners, declaring all militia and citizens made prisoners by the American Army in the Southern department to be exchanged (2) by Robert Cooke, British Deputy Commissary of Prisoners, declaring all similar prisoners taken by the British to be exchanged (3) by Cooke permitting "all American Officers Prisoners of War on Parole" to go to any part of America not within twelve miles of a British post.

Copy.

D. Agreement signed by Burnet and Wemyss and Certificates signed by Warren and Cooke (all signatures are copies). 3 pp. Enclosed in **1223.**

1782 Oct. 25 DeSaussure, D[aniel], Annapolis. To [Robert Morris, Philadelphia]. **1211** IX, 55

Has applied to the Intendant, [Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer], for Maryland's accounts against the United States, but none has been made out; requested the Governor to give the necessary orders and a copy of his letter was sent to the Intendant but the accounts have not yet been made out.

Extract.

L. 1 p. Enclosed in **1215.**

1782 Nov. 19 Morris, Robert, "Office of Finance," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1212** IX, 74

Could not answer Lee's letter of October 25 until he had conferred with the Minister of War; Gen. [Benjamin] Lincoln reports he has taken measures for placing clothing at the Head of Elk, [Maryland] and is about to contract for rations; refers Lee to Lincoln's letters for details of these matters.

L.S. 1 p.

1782 Nov. 21 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1213** IX, 70

Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of the committee on the letter of November 6 from the Governor of Maryland relative to the case of Col. Henry Hollingsworth, accepting the report of Alexander Contee Hanson, a Judge of the General Court of Maryland, on the case, which was referred to him by the Governor in pursuance of the Act of Congress of July 20, 1780, and dismissing the complaint against Hollingsworth.

Copied and attested by John Hamm.

D. Signed by copyist: "Charles Thomson." 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXIII, 746-747.

1782 Nov. 26 List of American Officers captured in the Southern Department who have not been exchanged. **1214** IX, 90

List groups the officers by rank and gives their "Line" and date of capture; Colonels: William Russel, Nathaniel Gist, Thomas Clark, John Patton, John Neville, William Heth, Barnard Beekman; Lieutenant Colonels: Burgess Ball, Gustavus B[rown] Wallace, [———] DeCambray, Samuel Hopkins, Samuel Cabell, Jonathan Clark, [Joseph] Vaughn, Thomas Woodford, William Washington, [Hezekiah] Maham, Prestly Nevill, [John Faucherand] Grimke; Majors: William Croghan, John Nelson, [Andrew] Waggoner, Isaac Harleston, William Lewis, Ephraim Mitchel, Thomas Pinkney, [John] Patten, [Levin] Winder, Charles Pelham, Edward M. Hyrne, Philip Lowe; Captains: John Blackwell, Joseph Day, Benjamin Paliaferro [Taliaferro], Kedar Ballard, John Engles, Callohill Minnis, John Craddock, George Warley, Parleton Paynes, [James?] DeSegond, Richard B. Baker, Adrian Proviaux, William Hext, Custis Kendall, John Summers, Charles Linning, George Bradley, John Buckannon, Jesse Baker, Thomas Buckner, Thomas Gadson, Richard Mason, Field Farrar, George Liddel, Peter Gray, Joseph Montford, Thomas Holt, Abram Hite, Mayo Carrington, Lawrence Butler, Philip Malory, Robert Beale, John Weekley, Richard Pollard, Holman Minnis, James Wright, Leroy Edwards, James Curry, Collin Cocke, Jacob Scriber, George Stanley, Alexander Brackenridge, William White, Edward Cowan, John Carter, John Stokes, Isaiah Marks, John Lynch, George Hamilton, Jacob Brice, William Meredith, John Gassaway, John Learmouth, John Morris, William Barret, [Robert] Yancey, Francis Muir, William Bently, James Reed, [Celeron?] Brossard; Captain Lieutenants: Philip Jones, Bernard Elliot, John Budd, Charles Stewart, Nat Perry, Joseph Swearinger, J[ohn H[enry] Fitzgerald, Robert Porterfield, William Tate, William Faun, Thomas Callender, Richard Waters, [Adam] Hoops, James Bruff; Lieutenants: James Tatum, William Ward, Thomas Dunbar, John Hart, William Hardgraves, Thomas Heard, Thomas Parsons, John Bowen, William Porter, James Coleman, William Wallace, Philip Reed, Arthur Harris, Jacob Norris, Isaac Hanson, Henry Duff, George Purvis, [Christopher?] Hillary, William Stevenson, [Leighton] Yancey, [Thomas] Glasscock, [Epaphroditus] Rudder, William McGuire, Jesse Reed, John Clendennin, Samuel Budd, Aaron Smith, Hugh Milling, Stewart Herbert, [———] Moore, [———] Beaulie, Zedihiah Moore, Batista Verdier, James Farlie; Ensigns: William Jordan, John Crute, Willis Wilson, Gassaway, Stephen McWilliams, E[lijah] Shillington [Skillington], Edmund Roach, [John] Truman, [———] Carrington, Le Charles; Surgeons: James Houston, Frederick Sunn, James William Greene, [John] Brownlee; Surgeons Mates; Sylvester Springer, Oliver Hart, Charles Lockman; Sundries: Richard Wyllie, Bellamy Crawford, Andrew Dellient, Thomas Rutledge, Robert Smith, William Gordon, George Gordon.

Certificates appended as follows: (1) by Robert Cooke declaring all American Officers taken in the Southern Department by the British Army and not included in the above list to be exchanged, (2) by S[amuel] Warren declaring the above listed officers to be Prisoners of War except Lt. Col. Grimke who is in dispute, (3) by Warren adding Brig. Gen. [Charles] Scott, Col. [———] delamoi [?], Capt. [———] DeBert, Capt. [LeBrun(?)] de Belleceur, Lieut. [Samuel] Baskerville, 2nd Lieut. Lipscomb Norwell and Wagonmaster Allen to the list if they have not been exchanged, (4) by Warren declaring all British Officers taken in the Southern Department except those captured at York Town, Virginia by Gen. Washington to be exchanged.

Copy.

D. Certificates signed by copyist: "Robt. Cooke" and "S. Warren." 7 pp. Enclosed in **1223.**

1782 Morris, Robert, "Office of Finance," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [William **1215**
Nov. 30 Paca]. IX, 56

Encloses an extract of a letter from Daniel De Saussure, the Commissioner for settling the accounts of Maryland, who has resigned after having been idle for three months at the expense of the United States merely because he could not get the accounts of the State exhibited; hopes that when a new Commissioner is appointed he will be able to proceed immediately.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1211.**

1782 Peace Treaty 1783. **1216**
Nov. 30 Article one acknowledges "free Independent States"; boundaries are set IV, 121
from "NW angle of Nova Scotia" to 31 north latitude and from Lake Ste.

Claire to the Atlantic Ocean; article two further provides in detail for boundaries; article three indicates fishing rights on Grand Bank, "Newfoundland," Gulf of St. Lawrence and in other bays, harbors and creeks; article four protects creditors; article five provides for State restitution of "estates, rights and properties"; article six prohibits future confiscations; article seven suspends all hostilities and hostile Acts; article eight gives British free use of Mississippi; article nine provides for interim action.

Copy.

D. Signed "John Adams, B[enjamin] Franklin, Ca. Whiteford, W T Franklin, Henry Laurens, Richard Oswald, John Jay." 4 pp. Enclosed in **1247.**

[1782 Article of Peace. **1217**
Nov. 30 (?)] Fragment of an agreement between Richard Oswald, John Adams, B[en- IV, 121a
jamin] Franklin, John Jay and Henry Laurens; this would "constitute the Treaty of Peace proposed to be concluded between the Crown of G. B. & the said U. S."; its conclusion depends on France.

D. 1 p. Enclosed in **1247.**

1782 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1218**
Dec. 22 Letter of December 12 has just arrived; letter from War Office is endorsed; X, 35
Col. [Moses] Rawlings is concerned; Superintendent of Finance for Maryland and Delaware is party to contract.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1782 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1219**
Dec. 31 "Nothing of importance" is sent; Secretary for Foreign Affairs has sent IV, 119
copy of [Richard] Oswald's commission; has French minister's letter arrived?

A.L.S. 1 p. Much faded.

1782 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. **1220**
Dec. 31 [Francois de Barbé-] Marbois left enclosure at house when Carroll was IV, 118
away; it is sent under a frank as official.

A.L.S. 1 p. Much faded.

1783 McHenry, John, Baltimore. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1221**
Jan. 8 Offers a commercial contract which would involve the shipment of surplus IX, 96
commodities to New York in exchange for enemy specie, which is much needed; proposes "to make Shipments of flour corn Lumber &c. without requiring any money of the State to a determinate amount . . . the Executive only to engage to be at half the Risque of the dangers of the Seas"; in return for which "the Executive shall draw one half of the Nett Profits arising on every Adventure"; postscript states he has requested his "Brother who is in Annapolis to apply for a Passport for a few Barrels of Flour" or produce worth about £200 "to pay one Sheaff" who has loaned nearly that amount to captured citizens.

L.S. 1 p.

1783 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. **1222**
Jan. 17 Letters of January 2 and January 3, 1783 have arrived; governor's desires IV, 136
will be communicated to Minister of France.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1783 Jackson, W[illiam], "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [William] Paca. **1223**
Jan. 20 Encloses "an Agreement entered into by the Commissioners appointed IX, 89
to settle an exchange of Prisoners of War in the Southern Department" and a list of American officers captured in that district who were not exchanged;

for obvious reasons it is preferred to transmit the list to the state executives rather than publish it in the newspapers; Paca is requested to inform officers who inquire whether their names are contained on the list.

L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **1210, 1214.**

1783 Jackson, W[illiam], "War Office," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [William] Paca. **1224**
Jan. 21 Has received Paca's letter of January 3; "conformably to your recommendation of Major John Davidson, the appointment of Intendant will be transmitted to that Gentleman." IX, 94

A.L.S. 1 p.

1783 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1225**
Jan. 28 Acknowledges receipt of letter; the letter at the French minister's has been read; the "Assistant Secretary at War" has forwarded Maj. [John] Davidson's appointment. IV, 135

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 24.

1783 Sewall, N[icholas] Lewis, Mattapony [Maryland]. To Richard Barnes **1226**
Feb. 8 [Leonardtown, Maryland]. IX, 138

3 privateers, 2 sloops, and a schooner from the British fleet have captured a "Bay Craft" at Cedar Point, [Maryland]; they came up the Patuxent; haste in moving property delayed this report.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **1227.**

1783 Barnes, Richard, [Leonardtown, Maryland]. To Gov. William Paca. **1227**
Feb. 8 3 British barges have been sighted near Young's Ferry; on way down Potomac they landed on St. George's Island, [Virginia]; rumors of peace are afloat; enemy fleet is manned by an "abandoned Set of Men"; Negroes have been taken as well as other plunders; letter of [Nicholas Lewis Sewall] is enclosed. IX, 137

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1226.**

1783 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1228**
Feb. 10 Letter of February 7 has been received; misunderstanding must have occurred about Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee; has written to governor and Council; letter is inclosed but should be sealed when read; up to August 1780 the Resolution of Congress respecting depreciated pay applies; advertisements will be attended to later; postscript gives original amount as £314 5s.; balance is £317 10s. X, 36

A.L.S. 1 p. Faded.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 36.

1783 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1229**
Feb. 21 Resolution recommending that Delaware, Maryland, and Georgia send Delegates immediately to Congress and that "each State in the Union keep up a constant representation." VI, 79

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1230.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXIV, 143.

1783 Boudinot, Elias, Philadelphia. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1230**
Feb. 24 Encloses resolution of Congress of utmost importance at this "critical State of our affairs." VI, 80

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1229.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 51-52.

1783
Feb. 25

Carroll, Daniel and William Hemsley, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. **1231** IV, 137

No news from Europe has been received since end of October, 1782; lack of news from Maryland is "exceedingly distressing."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 56-57.

1783
Feb. 26

McClenachan, Blair [Philadelphia]. To Daniel Carroll [Philadelphia]. **1232** X, 34

His account may be short as warehouse on Eastern Shore is open; a number of the hogsheads may be broken into.

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **1234.**

1783
Feb. 26

Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Blair] McClanaghan [Philadelphia]. **1233** X, 33

Differences of weight in tobacco was not considered by the Intendant of Maryland as accountable; certain sum of money has been set aside to pay McClanaghan; if not agreeable, McClanaghan should reply at once.

"Copy for Mr. McClanaghan."

A.L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **1234.**

1783
Feb. 27

Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1234** X, 32

[Blair] McClanaghan is causing difficulties, as inclosures show; [William] Hemsley should have division; sends enclosure to [James] Calhoun.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1232, 1233.**

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 59-60.

1783
Mar. 3

Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1235** X, 40

Nothing is to be expected from [Blair] McClanaghan; "supply" should be enough for him and the delegates.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1783
Mar. 3

Carroll, Daniel, and William Hemsley, Philadelphia. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1236** IV, 138

Letter of February 28 is acknowledged; account sent by Intendant was of no use; [Louis Philippe, Marquis de] Vaudreuil has reached Porto Rico; "No further intelligence concerning peace."

L.S. 1 p. Faded.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 63.

1783
Mar. 4

Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1237** X, 37

Messrs. [John] Dorsey and [———] Wheeler have not written but letter from Jenifer has been received; postscript says [Blair] McClanaghan is giving Carroll £75.

A.L.S. 1 p. Nearly illegible.

1783
Mar. 8

Lee, Thomas Sim, Daniel Carroll and William Hemsley, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. **1238** IV, 139

Forward Provisional Treaty sent from Baltimore; Army in great discontent and ready for "redressing their own wrongs"; £300 was promised [Daniel] Carroll by Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer; failure of funds to arrive is distressing.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 88-89.

1783
Mar. 11

Lee, Thomas Sim, Daniel Carroll, William Hemsley, Philadelphia. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1239** IV, 140

"Intelligence" is lacking because of delay in arrival of packets since November, 1782; Intendant will send bill for $300, "30 days Sight"; bank collection rate is unknown.

L.S. 1 p. Handwriting faded.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 74.

1783 Mar. 12 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1240** X, 41

Had informed Jenifer that [Blair] McClanaghan had paid £75; actually McClanaghan was not and is not accessible; delegates have sent joint letter to governor and council.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1783 Mar. 13 Lee, Thomas S., Daniel Carroll, and William Hemsley, Philadelphia. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1241** IV, 141

Dispatches have been brought by Capt. [Joshua] Barney who left L'Orient, [France] on January 17, 1783; provisional articles signed November 30, 1782 are enclosed; France had made some "progress in her Negociations" up to December 25, 1782; Sweden will enter a treaty of amity; express to Baltimore now requires £8.

L.S. 2 pp.

1783 Mar. 15 Smith, William, Baltimore. To Gov. William Paca. **1242** IV, 141a

Note written on wrapper of letter; express messenger is to be paid; "I have made No Agreement with him."

A.L.S. 1 p.

1783 Mar. 15 [Morris, Robert], "Office of Finance," [Philadelphia]. To [John Pierce], "Paymaster General," [Philadelphia]. **1243** IX, 92

An Act of Congress of January 25 directed that the states be called upon to complete "the Settlements with their respective Lines of the Army" up to August 1, 1780 and that the Superintendant of Finance take measures "for effecting the Settlement from that Period"; Morris has preferred to appoint Pierce to perform this business because (1) it eliminates the necessity of appointing a new officer, (2) he has more of the necessary materials than any other person, (3) he has access to public offices and official returns, (4) he has been hitherto accurate in his accounts, (5) he has Morris's confidence, (6) he has been considered the most eligible by the Comptroller of the Treasury; having accepted verbally, Pierce is now empowered to proceed in this business and attend to the various matters outlined in the letter; before doing so he is to take the oath prescribed before a civil magistrate.

Copy.

L. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1244.**

1783 Mar. 20 Morris, Robert, "Office of Finance," [Philadelphia]. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1244** IX, 93

Encloses a copy of a letter of March 15 to the Paymaster General; requests that the Paymaster "be furnished as speedily as possible with an Account of the Payments and Advances of every kind which have been made by the States to any officers or Soldiers of the American Army."

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1243.**

1783 Mar. 24 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1245** X, 39

Congratulates Jenifer on news inclosed; Messrs. [John] Dorsey & Co. have not written; "this is a cruel disapointment to the Delegates"; order for £25 is inclosed for taxes, made out to [Daniel] Carroll III; Carroll has suffered from theft of $100 and necessity of calling a physician [postscript].

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 95.

1783 Mar. 24 Livingston, R[obert] R., "Office for foreign affairs," Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. **1246** IX, 98

Encloses "an abstract of the preliminary articles for a general peace" signed January 20; they were brought by a vessel dispatched from Cadiz by

[Charles Henri], Count d' Estaing to recall the French cruisers and privateers; "tho' not official, they leave no room to doubt this happy event."

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p.

1783 Mar. 25 Lee, Thomas Sim, Daniel Carroll, and William Hemsley, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. **1247** IV, 120

Preliminaries to a general peace were signed January 20, 1783; cutter was sent by [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette; enclose letter which was opened to satisfy curiosity of delegates; congratulations are offered on "Independence established by an honorable Peace."

A.L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1216, 1217.**

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 105.

1783 Mar. 25 Hemsley, William, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. **1248** IV, 122

Encloses "paper . . . of the joyful News . . . of a general Peace"; [Marie Jean], Marquis de Lafayette sent a cutter to Congress bringing the news; [Charles Henri], Count d'Estaing was ready to attack Jamaica with 70,000 troops and 49 ships; Canada was also scheduled for reduction; postscript asks for date when Assembly meets; marginal note asks for delegates' money.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 105.

1783 Apr. 1 Lee, Thomas S., Daniel Carroll, William Hemsley, Philadelphia. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1249** IV, 123

On March 24, 1783, the Congress recalled all American cruisers; Gen. [Guy] Carleton and Admiral [Robert] Digby were sent letters of [Marie Jean], Marquis [de Lafayette] and [Charles Henri], Count d'Estaing; they had only information given by [William] Livingston; detention was ordered; £350 is needed but usual channels are closed; a bill payable May 1, 1783, will be drawn.

L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 118-119.

1783 Apr. 8 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1250** X, 42

Maryland delegates received Jenifer's letter on payment; [Jesse(?)] Hollingsworth has promised to pay; encloses latest intelligence.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1783 Apr. 12 Lee, Thomas Sim and Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. **1251** IV, 124

The declaration by Congress of a cessation of hostilities has been sent; Congress was officially informed on April 10, 1782; encloses letter from Secretary of Foreign Affairs; Earl of Surrey is to be ambassador here.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 137.

1783 Apr. 12 Livingston, Robert R., Philadelphia. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1252** IX, 97

Offers "congratulations on the important event announced by the United States in Congress in the enclosed Proclamation for the cessation of hostilities"; urges scrupulous attention to the terms of the treaty.

L.S. 2 pp.

1783 Apr. 28 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1253** X, 49

Acknowledges letter of April 28; [James] Calhoun has the shoes; £150 was asked from governor and council; financial details are being worked out to pay soldiers; on May 15 or 20 he will return to Maryland; £40 balance will then be due; if "Tobacco affair of Mr. [Blair] McClanaghan" is settled, an order on him could be issued.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 153.

1783 McHenry, James, Baltimore. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1254**
May 1 [———] McCaushlind wishes "a passport for the Schooner Adventure with 100 barrels tar for New York Capt. John Dixon Master"; no objection can be found to the measure, especially "as Philadelphia has set the example." IX, 95

A.L.S. 1 p.

1783 Carroll, Daniel, William Hemsley, Philadelphia. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1255**
May 6 Gen. Washington and Sir Guy Carleton met May 5, 1783 in Tappan [New York]; Sir Charles Gray is bringing final orders of British Ministry. IV, 125

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 160.

1783 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. **1256**
May 13 [Blair] McClanaghan is not in town to pay amount due; having fallen from a sulky, he intends to remain in Philadelphia; encloses a "paper." X, 46

A.L.S. 1 p.

1783 Hemsley, William and Daniel Carroll, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. William **1257**
May 13 Paca. IV, 126

Gen. Washington and Sir Guy Carleton met on May 5; because of storms at sea and failure of transports, no date for withdrawal from New York City could be set by British; 6,000 persons "most eligible . . . to leave the Country" would be included in withdrawal; some controversy resulted from treatment of Negroes as property in the treaty; a register of Negroes sent off is available if compensation must be paid by Great Britain; address is enclosed.

L.S. 4 pp.

1783 Carroll, Daniel, "Mr. Carroll of Carrollton's" and Baltimore. To Daniel of **1258**
July 21, 22 St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. X, 45

On way to Congress but needs Jenifer "to assist me with the necessary"; [Jesse] Hollingsworth is still in charge of "supply"; balance of old account surely should be paid; [Blair] McClanaghan paid nothing on last order; [James] McHenry sends the inclosed report; opinion of Jenifer is requested; postscript is written in Baltimore 4 days later; answer "by a safe hand" is to come to Grant's; Col. [Moses] Rawlings reports he is sending $1,000; no cash is needed.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 231.

1783 Carroll, Daniel, Philadelphia. To [Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis]. **1259**
July 25 Shoes made by [———] Starr will cost 18s. 9d.; [William] Hemsley is now in Philadelphia; nothing has come from the governor; newspapers contain all news known in Philadelphia. X, 38

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 59.

1783 McHenry, James, Princeton, [New Jersey]. To Gov. William Paca. **1260**
July 26 No treaty news nor any more about return of Congress to Philadelphia is to be reported; Minister of France has not been interviewed; Journals of Congress are not available for use of Maryland; when published, they will be sent to the Maryland Council. IV, 134

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1783 McHenry, James, Princeton, [New Jersey]. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1261**
Aug. 2 Reports loss of last letter from the governor; treaty with Sweden has been ratified; on July 31 Congress considered a motion to return to Philadelphia; Journals of Congress are not yet ready; represented to Congress that IV, 133

no measures pertaining to state finances should be considered without full representation; postscript requests information "to enliven one now and again in these dull regions."

A.L.S. Nearly illegible. 4 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 249.

1783 McHenry, James, Princeton [New Jersey]. To Daniel of St. Thomas **1262**
Aug. 3 Jenifer, Annapolis. X, 48

Acknowledges letter of August 8th; [Daniel] Carroll has had $180 of the order for £486 10s.; "The General is with us, and we are all in good humor at present."

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 281.

1783 Carroll, Daniel, Princeton [New Jersey]. To Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, **1263**
Aug. 9 Annapolis. X, 44

Has called on [Blair] McClanaghan and received $100; surprised to find [James] McHenry no longer had money due; [Edward(?)] Biddle has been applied to for £15; he will need an order; no newspapers are being sent; [Samuel] Sterret from New York brought news that British are on Long Island [New York]; October 1st is date for "general embark"; not able as yet to determine what Congress will do "abt their Seat."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in part in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 255.

1783 McHenry, James, Princeton, [New Jersey]. To Gov. William Paca. **1264**
Aug. 9 This letter repeats a former letter which has been lost; public buildings IV, 131
should be put at service of Congress; Daniel Carroll has also written Mayor of Annapolis for "assurances of the inclinations of the corporation and citizens"; price of boarding must accommodate economical taste of the Eastern gentlemen.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 254.

1783 Carroll, Daniel and James McHenry, Princeton [New Jersey]. To Daniel **1265**
Aug. 30 of St. Thomas Jenifer, Annapolis. X, 47

Wishes to know about purchases of bills of credit; rate and exchange are also needed; Maryland's exhausted "deficiency" is $13,000,000.

L. Signed by Daniel Carroll and James McHenry.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.,* VII, 281.

1783 General Assembly, Pennsylvania. **1266**
Sept. 1 Resolution of General Assembly dated August 29 respecting the residence IX, 100
of Congress; "different apartments" in the State house will be furnished; the governor of Pennsylvania will be asked to uphold "the honor and dignity of the United States"; jurisdiction desired for a permanent residence by Congress should be defined.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

1783 Continental Congress, [Princeton, New Jersey]. **1267**
Oct. 6-21 Proceedings of Congress "respecting a place for the permanent residence IX, 99
of Congress"; members attending: New Hampshire: Abiel] Forster; Massachusetts: [Samuel] Holten, [Elbridge] Gerry, [Samuel] Osgood; Rhode Island: [William] Ellery, [David] Howell; Connecticut: S[amuel] Huntington, B[enjamin] Huntington; New York: [James] Duane, [Ezra] L'Hommedieu; New Jersey: [Elias] Boudinot, [Abraham] Clarke, [Silas] Condict; Pennsylvania: [James] Wilson, [Richard] Peters, [Joseph] Montgomery, [Thomas] Fitzsimmons; Delaware: [Gunning] Bedford, [James] Tilton; Maryland: [Daniel] Carroll, [James] McHenry; Virginia: [Joseph] Jones, [James] Madison, [Theodorick] Bland, [Arthur] Lee, [John F.] Mercer; North Carolina: [Ben-

jamin] Hawkins, [Hugh] Williamson; South Carolina: [Jacob] Read, [Richard] Berresford, [Ralph] Izard; after considering numerous proposals, it was resolved that buildings be erected for the use of Congress at sites on the banks of the Delaware and Potomac; until then Congress is to meet alternately at Annapolis and Trenton, [New Jersey].

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 39 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXV, 647-660, 664-672, 675-676, 697-699, 706-714.

1783 McHenry, James and Daniel Carroll, Princeton, [New Jersey]. To Gov. **1268**
Oct. 11 William Paca. IV, 132

Definitive treaty may be complete, according to news of August 9, 1783; on July 2, 1783 George III proclaimed procedures for peace treaty; Sir Guy Carleton promised George Washington to remove troops and stores from Penobscot [Maine]; Congress decided to have permanent residence near falls on the Delaware; for temporary residence the vote was against Trenton, Philadelphia, and Annapolis; 6½ votes were cast for Annapolis; Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and North Carolina voted "aye"; "Tell the good people of Annapolis—that I fought hard, and did not escape without some wounds."

L.S. 3 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 331-332.

1783 "Estimate of the Arrearages to the 1 January 1783 and of One Years **1269**
Oct. 14 Interest arising on the Foreign and Domestic Debt." IX, 101
Portfolio

Shows foreign debt due in France, Spain, and Holland; lists debts of Loan Office, the liquidated debt, army debt and unliquidated debt; arrearages total $1,842,764, interest on foreign debt $375,833.20, on domestic $1,548,044; the deficiency, about $2,500,000, is not allowed for.

"Register's Office."

D. 1 p.

1783 Continental Congress, [Princeton, New Jersey]. **1270**
Oct. 21 Resolution recommending that buildings should be erected "at or near the IV, 127
Lower Falls of Potomack or George Town"; a "federal Town" should be set up; until buildings are ready, residence of Congress is to be Trenton and Annapolis alternately; the President is to adjourn Congress November 12, 1783 to meet in Annapolis November 26.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXV, 714.

1783 Carroll, Daniel and James McHenry, Princeton, [New Jersey]. To Gov. **1271**
Oct. 23 [William] Paca. IV, 129

Congressional deliberations on future residence are too tedious to copy; copy of Act of Congress only is sent at this time; a "foederal Town at or near George Town," [Maryland] is contemplated; Annapolis and Trenton will suffice until buildings on the Potomac are finished; all difficulties against Congressional sitting in Annapolis should be removed.

L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 351.

1783 Carroll, Daniel and James McHenry, Princeton, [New Jersey]. To Gov. **1272**
Nov. 1 [William Paca]. IV, 128

"Definitive treaty" was signed September 8, 1783; Col. [Matthias] Ogden, who left Paris on September 10, reports that official account left L'Orient [France] with [John] Thaxter, secretary to [John] Adams; no president is likely to be chosen before November 12; Carroll will leave "next week."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 364.

1783
Nov. 3

Carroll, Daniel and James McHenry, Princeton, [New Jersey]. To [Gov. William Paca].

The President has sent plans for residence of Congress in Annapolis; adjournment is for November 12, 1783; Carroll may be detained while Congress settles question of adjournment.

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 367.

1273
IV, 130

1783
Nov. 3

Continental Congress, [Princeton, New Jersey].

Resolution directing the Paymaster General to deposit in the hands of regimental agents the certificates for pay due to officers and soldiers to be by them delivered to whom they belong.

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1326.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXV, 801.

1274
VI, 81

1783
Dec. 29-
Jan. 1,
1784

Continental Congress, [Annapolis].

Attendance record of Continental Congress meeting in Annapolis.

D. Signed by "Henry Remsen, Jour. Clk." 2 pp. Enclosed in **1276.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXV, 842.

1275
IX, 148

1784
Jan. 1

Thomson, Charles, Annapolis. To Gov. William Paca.

"For want of seven states Congress have not been able this week to proceed to any Business. On Monday there were only six states represented & on tuesday and wednesday only five"; Delegate from Rhode Island who was indisposed will attend if Maryland is represented; encloses extract from the journal containing entries of this week.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1275.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 405.

1276
VI, 73

1784
[Feb. 20]

Continental Congress, [Annapolis].

Report of the number of states represented in Congress from February 7 to 19; New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, and Georgia are not represented.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1278.**

1277
VI, 78

1784
Feb. 20

Mifflin, Thomas, Annapolis. To Gov. [William] Paca.

"The great business of the United States is at a stand; for want of a Representation, agreeable to the Articles of Confederation"; the Journal transmitted by the Secretary containing the proceedings of Congress "will convince your Excellency of the state of inactivity"; there are many matters requiring immediate attention: establishing a general peace with the Indians, settling the western territory, arranging our foreign affairs, securing our frontiers, preserving our stores and magazines; meeting expenses of current year and satisfying the public creditors; seven states have been represented in Congress on only three days since the sixth of this month as enclosed certificate will indicate and the members present are dissatisfied with attending to no purpose.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1277.**

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 444.

1278
VI, 77

1784
Feb. 21

Council Minutes.

Sir Robert Eden has signed a number of patents and taken fees for so doing; the evidence is to be shown the Attorney General for a decision.

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Arch. of Md.*, XLVIII, 517.

1279
I, 11

1784 Mar. 15 **1280** IV, 142

McHenry, James, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca, Annapolis.

Letter of March 8, 1784 is acknowledged; resignations of [John] Hall and [Edward] Lloyd are noted; if Maryland is unrepresented in Congress, McHenry is not to blame; will come to Annapolis soon though family in Baltimore demands consideration; feels chagrin over being required in Annapolis so soon after going to Princeton [New Jersey] "to make a Senate."

A.L.S. 2 pp.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 470.

1784 Mar. 19 **1281** VI, 88b

Continental Congress, [Annapolis].

Resolution allowing the Commissioners appointed to negotiate with the Indians six and a half dollars per day while employed in that business.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXVI, 154.

1784 Mar. 23 **1282** VI, 86

Continental Congress, [Annapolis].

Resolution requesting the states to appoint their Delegates for one year to commence on the first Monday in November adopted pursuant to "the fifth of the articles of Confederation."

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXVI, 156-157.

[1784 Apr. 1] **1283** VI, 87

"The apportionment of the 636,000 Dollars."

New Hampshire 22,348; Massachusetts 95,157; Rhode Island 13,703; Connecticut 56,007; New York 57,375; New Jersey 35,344; Pennsylvania 87,000; Delaware 9,516; Maryland 60,003; Virginia 108,750; North Carolina 46,218; South Carolina 40,782; Georgia 6,797.

D. Enclosed in **1284.**

1784 Apr. 1 **1284** VI, 76

Mifflin, Thomas, Annapolis. To Gov. [William] Paca.

It is most urgent that a supply of money be obtained immediately to prevent the loss of public credit; when the Army was furloughed it was promised three months' pay; as there was no money in the Treasury, the Superintendant of Finance issued notes to discharge this and other demands; a considerable proportion of the notes were redeemed by money supplied by the states and "the Financier" drew bills on Holland to supply the deficiency; part of drafts has been paid by loans obtained on credit of the United States, but for want of funds our bankers have suffered bills amounting to 636,000 dollars to be protested for non-acceptance; if there is no money in the Treasury when these bills are returned here the consequences will be deplorable; "Congress think it their duty to communicate the matter confidentially to the Supreme Executive of each State" and to urge that the states furnish their respective quotas of the sum mentioned according to the apportionment herewith transmitted.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1283.**

1784 Apr. 19 **1285** VI, 72

Continental Congress, [Annapolis].

Resolution informing the states that as long as they are represented in Congress by only two members, such unanimity for conducting important public concerns is necessary as can be rarely expected and urging that each state be represented by three members at least.

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1287.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXVI, 245-246.

1784 Mifflin, Thomas, Annapolis. To Gov. William Paca. **1286**
Apr. 21 Minister of France has informed Congress that L'Orient [France] is a free port. IX, 152

L.S. 1 p.

1784 Mifflin, Thomas, Annapolis. To Gov. William Paca. **1287**
Apr. 22 Act of Congress of April 19 is enclosed; 3 members should appear in Congress from each state. IX, 152a

L.S. 1 p. On same sheet with **1286.** Encloses **1285.**

1784 Read, Jacob, Annapolis. To [———] Clayton, Secretary to the Governor **1288**
Apr. 28 of Maryland. VI, 103

Committee of Congress requests a meeting with the Executive of Maryland at eleven o'clock; in the absence of Gov. [William] Paca, Clayton is requested to transmit this notification to the proper officer to be delivered to the Council.

A.L. Signed: "Jacob Read Chairman of the Committee of the U. S." 1 p.
Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 503.

1784 Continental Congress, [Annapolis]. **1289**
May 7 Certificate of the election of John Jay as Secretary for Foreign Affairs, it having been learned from a letter of March 9 from [Benjamin] Franklin that Jay proposed to embark for America in April; the nomination was made by [Elbridge] Gerry. IX, 86

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1309.**
Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXVI, 355.

1784 Conseil d'Etat, Paris. **1290**
May 14 The port and city of Dunkerque [France] are to keep their franchises; after July 14th the city of Orient [France] will have freedom to receive ships and merchandise from all nations; after September 1, the city of Bayonne [France] will have same privileges. IX, 150

Broadside in French.
D. Signed: "M. Al de Crestires." 3 pp. Enclosed in **1291.**

1784 Barclay, Thomas, Paris. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1291**
May 17 Encloses the "Arrêt du Conseil d'Etat" respecting ports of Dunkirk, Marseilles, L'Orient and Bayonne [France]. IX, 149

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1290.**

[1784?] "Inventory of . . . the property of Sir Robert Eden, Baronet." **1292**
May 17 Room by room list of furniture "left in possession of His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee Esq."; 24 rooms are listed; door lamps, steel stoves, commode tables, "wash hand-stand," portrait of Lord Baltimore, "painting of Venus," trivets, and "cloaths horse" are among the 286 items. I, 7

D. 8 pp.

1784 Pennell, Joseph, "Commissioner for Accounts of the Marine Department," **1293**
May 25 [Annapolis?]. To [Robert Morris, Annapolis]. IX, 87

The states generally have not complied with the recommendation of Congress of February 27, 1782 that they empower "the Commissioners for the Departments to recover 'from Individuals Debts due and Effects belonging to the United States' "; when he goes into a state which has not complied, he will be called upon by creditors without having the power to bring debtors to account; preference is due to the states which have complied.

"Extract."
L. 1 p. Enclosed in **1294.**

1784 Morris, Robert, “Office of Finance,” [Annapolis]. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1294**

May 26 Encloses an extract of a letter of May 25 received from Joseph Pennell, Commissioner for Adjusting the Accounts of the Marine Department; the other Commissioners of Accounts are in a similar position; the states which have failed to comply with the recommendation of Congress should be apprised that preference may be accorded to the states which have complied. IX, 88

“Circular.”

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1293.**

1784 Continental Congress, [Philadelphia]. **1295**

May 29 Resolution recommending that the states offer a reward of 500 dollars for the arrest of Chevalier de Longchamps, a French subject, who committed assault and battery on [Francois de Barbé-] Marbois, Consul General and Secretary to the French Legation; a warrant for his apprehension has been issued in Pennsylvania but he is supposed to have fled to some other state. VI, 107

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1296.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXVII, 478-479.

1784 Mifflin, Thomas, Annapolis. To Gov. [William] Paca. **1296**

May 31 Encloses Act of Congress passed on May 29 relating to assault on [François de Barbé-] Marbois by M. De Longchamp; by a letter received from the Supreme Executive of Pennsylvania, it appears that said Longchamp has been apprehended and is now confined in the common jail at Philadelphia. VI, 108

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1295.**

1784 Continental Congress, [Annapolis]. **1297**

June 1 Resolution directing that in settling the accounts of the line of the Army, the Paymaster General may settle with commissioned officers on their oath or with non-commissioned officers and privates in cases where the musters or vouchers have been lost. VI, 96

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXVII, 505-506.

1784 Limozin, Andrew, Havre de Grace. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1298**

June 4 Encloses letter from [Thomas] Barclay, Consul General of America in France; solicits orders from Maryland. IX, 151

L.S. 2 pp.

1784 Committee of the States, Continental Congress, [Annapolis]. **1299**

July 26 Resolution, based “on the report of a Committee to whom was referred part of a report of a Committee, on letters from the Superintendant of Finance and the Honble. B[enjamin] Huntington” which indicates that numerous “articles of Quarter Master’s and Military Stores, Clothing &ca. the property of the United States” have fallen into the hands of private citizens, recommending that the states call on their citizens to make returns of any public property in their possession and that the states prepare general returns of such property. VI, 109

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXVII, 600.

1784 “By the Committee of the States,” Continental Congress, [Annapolis]. **1300**

July 27 Resolution, based on the failure of the states to provide “for the speedy and effectual recovery from individuals, of debts due and effects belonging VI, 75 to the United States" as recommended in a Resolution of Congress of February 27, 1782, urging the states to enact laws to that effect as soon as possible.

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 3 pp.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXVII, 605-606.

1784 Sept. 27 — Thomson, Charles, Philadelphia. To Gov. William Paca. — **1301** VI, 104

On August 19 the Chairman of the Committee of the States informed "your Excellency of the situation of the Committee and the arrangements taken for removal of the papers and records of Congress from Annapolis"; Delegates from Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania have met in Philadelphia where the records now are and have requested that Maryland send Delegates to meet with them.

A.L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 592.

1784 Nov. 11 — Thomson, Charles, Trenton, [New Jersey]. To Gov. [William Paca]. — **1302** VI, 74

"Pursuant to the Articles of Confederation the States of Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and New Jersey attended here on the first Monday of this month," also one Delegate from Massachusetts and from North Carolina; having waited in vain for other Delegates, "they have desired me to give Your Excellency this information," and to urge that Delegates to represent Maryland be sent "with all possible dispatch."

L.S. 1 p.

Printed in *Letters Cont. Cong.*, VII, 608-609.

1784 Nov. 30 — Thomson, Charles, Trenton, [New Jersey]. To Gov. [William Paca]. — **1303** VI, 105

Informs the Governor that "Eight States being met the United States in Congress Assembled" have elected Richard Henry Lee as President.

L.S. 1 p.

1784 Dec. 21 — Continental Congress, [Trenton, New Jersey]. — **1304** IX, 86a

Certificate of the qualification of John Jay as Secretary of Foreign Affairs before Isaac Smith, a Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Copy.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1309.**

[1784 Dec. 23] — Continental Congress, [Trenton, New Jersey]. — **1305** IV, 147

Resolution recommending a commission "to lay out a District of not less than two not-exceeding three miles square on the Banks of either Side of the Delaware"; $100,000 is appropriated for use of Commission; Congress is adjourned between December 24, [1784] and January 11, [1785].

D. 1 p.

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXVII, 704.

[After **1784** Dec. 27(?)] — [Van Berckel, Peter John, New York(?)]. To Gov. [William Paca]. — **1306** IX, 109

Fears failure of mail has delayed his letter to the governor; a duplicate is now sent; consideration should be given the matter.

L. Endorsed "Translation of a Letter from the Minister Mons Vonbrikell to his Excy the Gover. See the Intendants Letter Book—175." 1 p.

[1784?] — General Assembly of Maryland. — **1307** VI, 85

Wishing to do everything in its power to discharge the federal debt, the General Assembly directs its Delegates in Congress to make every effort to "expedite the Concurrence of the respective states in the 5 percent impost" agreeably to the recommendations of Congress of April 18, 1783; in case all the states except one shall assent to the impost, the Assembly will agree to empower Congress to collect the 5 percent impost on goods imported into Maryland provided that eleven other states shall agree to vest Congress with similar powers.

Df.D. 1 p.

[1784?] [General Assembly of Maryland?]. **1308** VI, 84

Memorandum regarding the appointment of Delegates to Congress from Maryland citing the fifth article of the Confederation and sections 23 and 27 of the Constitution of Maryland; *verso,* resolution authorizing the Delegates to represent the State until first Monday in November and from then until December [1784(?)].

Df.D. 2 pp.

1785 Jan. 29 Jay, John, "Office for foreign Affairs," New York. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1309** IX, 77

Transmits official extracts from the Journals of Congress of May 7 and December 21, 1784, certifying to his appointment and qualification as "Secretary to the United States of America for the Department of foreign Affairs"; the necessity of moving the office from Trenton, [New Jersey] to New York has delayed the opening of the office until yesterday; part of his duties will be to communicate to state executives complaints of foreign subjects against the states or their subjects; as domestic and foreign affairs are closely connected, he requests that Paca send him such intelligence as may seem important and promises to reciprocate; is particularly anxious to have copies of the laws of the state.

"Circular."

L.S. 3 pp. Encloses **1289, 1304.**

1785 Feb. 2 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1310** VI, 106

Resolution, based on the report of the committee to whom was referred a letter of January 14 from the Comptroller of the Treasury "stating that a number of the Certificates issued by John Pierce Commissioner for adjusting the claims of the Army have been Counterfeited," requiring the Comptroller to trace the certificates as far back as possible through their several possessors; a reward is to be offered to any person discovering the persons concerned in said forgery; it is recommended that the states revise their laws respecting forgery to prevent the forgery of securities issued by authority of Congress.

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed: Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1313.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXVIII, 32, 34.

[1785 Feb. 8] "A Motion of the Delegates of the State of Maryland." **1311** IV, 148

Objections of Maryland delegates to the founding of a "foederal town"; circumstances of the United States justify "procrastinating the Execution of so expensive . . . an undertaking"; no further delay should occur in satisfying creditors of the country; to found so large a town between two large cities which could accommodate the Congress is inexpedient; according to Article 8 of the Confederation, founding a town is out of the sphere of Congress; Congress should suspend appointment of Commissioners until May 1.

D. 2 pp.

1785 Feb. 11 McHenry, James and William Hindman, New York. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1312** IV, 146

On February 8, 1785 Congress intended to appoint Commissioners under Ordinance of [December 23, 1784]; Maryland delegates tried to secure suspension but found only one delegate each from Massachusetts and Virginia and the delegation from New Hampshire to support such action; Gens. [Philip] Schuyler, [Philemon] Dickinson, and Robert Morris were made Commissioners.

L.S. 2 pp.

1785 Thomson, Charles, New York. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1313**

Feb. 26 Attempts having been made to defraud the public in the settlement of accounts, Congress has passed enclosed resolutions; requests that the resolutions be printed in the newspapers of Maryland. VI, 101

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1310.**

1785 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1314**

Mar. 15 Resolution appointing three Commissioners with the same pay as the Commissioners for treating with the Northern Indians "to treat with the Cherokees and all other Indians Southward of them" for the purpose of making peace. VI, 88

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1318.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXVIII, 160-162.

1785 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1315**

Mar. 17 Resolution, adopted in order to ascertain the amount of the national debt with the utmost expedition, requiring all persons having claims against the United States to deliver within twelve months an abstract of their claims to the commissioners authorized to settle accounts against the United States in the state in which they reside; persons neglecting to do so will be precluded from any adjustment except at the Board of Treasury. VI, 90

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1316.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXVIII, 168-169.

1785 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1316**

Mar. 18 In order to limit time for bringing in unliquidated claims against the United States and to ascertain the amount of the national debt and to prevent attempts to defraud the public, Congress has passed the enclosed resolution; Paca is requested to have it published. VI, 91

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1315.**

1785 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1317**

Mar. 21 Benjamin Hawkins, Daniel Carroll, and William Perry elected commissioners to treat with the Southern Indians pursuant to the Act of March 15; resolution appointing two additional commissioners adopted and Andrew Pickens and Joseph Martin were elected. VI, 88a

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1318.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.,* XXVIII, 183, 184.

1785 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1318**

Mar. 24 Encloses Act of Congress passed on March 15 for negotiating a treaty of peace with Southern Indians and for the appointment of commissioners for the purpose; as this business should be entered upon without delay and as Daniel Carroll of Maryland is one of the commissioners, Thomson is enclosing a letter to him containing his commission and instructions and requests that it be forwarded to him. VI, 89

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1314, 1317.**

1785 Hindman, William, New York. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1319**

Mar. 28 Twelve states are in Congress and one Georgia member; [John] Henry and [James] McHenry are in New York; McHenry goes to see his wife in Philadelphia shortly; [Gustavus] Scott will arrive when Eastern Shore General Court is over; no committee reports are ready. IV, 144

A.L.S. 1 p.

1785 Hindman, William, New York. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1320**

Mar. 30 British packet arrived from England March 28, 1785; New York Senate considered a duty of 5s. 6d. but rejected the bill for it; Rhode Island also placed an impost but it is only a "shadow"; it has snowed nearly every day in March in New York and probably rained every day in Maryland. IV, 149

A.L.S. 1 p.

1785 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1321**

Apr. 13 Resolution authorizing any state which shall have settled with its officers or privates on the principles of the Resolution of June 1, 1784 relative to proofs of claims to be admitted by the Paymaster General to charge such payments to the United States. VI, 97

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1322.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXVIII, 261.

1785 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1322**

Apr. 15 Encloses Act of Congress passed on April 13 empowering states which have settled with their respective lines under Act of June 1, 1784 (a copy of which is also enclosed) to charge the United States with such payments. VI, 98

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1321.**

1785 Hindman, William, New York. To Gov. William Paca. **1323**

Apr. 18 Anxious to hear of health of friends "the Pleasures and Amusements of the Ladies in Annapolis"; [———] Harrison, Secretary to the President, says the Misses Plater and Lloyd "are going to be married to the two Mr. Lownes"; S[amuel] Chase should be given report of Committee on Lands; final settlement certificates are now selling at 25 gn. "in the pound"; Committee on Requisition wishes to provide supplementary funds of $1,500,000; Maryland will pay 10-$\frac{3}{5}$, "a much less proportion than heretofore required of our State"; postscript states that Minister for the Hague has not been picked. IV, 145

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1785 Osgood, Samuel and Walter Livingston, "Board of Treasury," New York. **1324**

Apr. 23 To Gov. [William Paca]. IX, 76

The death of [James] Nourse has created a vacancy in the office of Commissioner in Maryland for settling the accounts between Maryland and the United States; the Act of Congress of February 20, 1782 provides that in such cases a person shall be nominated by the Superintendant of Finance and approved by the Executive or the Delegates in Congress of the state concerned; the powers of the late Superintendant of Finance being vested in the Board, it has nominated John White of Connecticut for the vacancy; as a letter received this day from the Delegates of Maryland contains Paca's recommendation of White, there is no doubt he will be approved.

L.S. 2 pp.

1785 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1325**

May 27 Resolution requesting that the state legislatures make such allowance as they think fit to agents appointed to receive certificates of final settlement on balances due to officers and soldiers from the Paymaster General and charge the same to the United States. VI, 82

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1326.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXVIII, 399.

1785 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1326**

May 31 Encloses two Acts of Congress: one passed November 3, 1783 directing Paymaster General to deposit in the hands of regimental agents the certificates VI, 83 of pay due to officers and soldiers, the other passed May 27 requesting the state legislatures to make such allowances to the said agents as they shall think them entitled to; requests the Governor to lay the acts before the legislature of Maryland and communicate to him its determination.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1274, 1325.**

1785 McHenry, James and William Hindman, New York. To Gov. William Paca. **1327**
July 27 Act of Assembly for 1781 regarding clothing is wanted; requisitions are being considered by Congress which probably will not adjourn in 1785. IV, 150

L.S. 1 p.

1785 Van Berckel, P[eter] J[ohn], New York. To Gov. [William Paca]. **1328**
Aug. 22 Refers to Gov. Paca's letter of March 31, 1784 about the General Assembly's action on the Van Staphorst-Ridley business transaction; negotiations should have taken place in summer of 1785; the secret orders of [Mathew] Ridley were unknown; he is to blame; the contract with [Nicholas and Jacob] Van Staphorst should be considered valid. IX, 108

In French.

L.S. 3pp.

1785 Hindman, William, New York. To [Gov. William Paca]. **1329**
Oct. 3 Incloses bill on requisition of supplies; [William] Harrison "desires his best respects"; Maryland is not represented in Congress; the President's health is "much mended"; is curious as to next governor of Maryland. IV, 143

A.L.S. 1 p.

1785 Osgood, Samuel and Walter Livingston, New York. To Gov. [William **1330**
Oct. 24 Paca]. IX, 159

Handwritten form with name Thomas Harwood filled in, setting up a Commissioner of the federal Loan Office in Maryland; should Harwood decline, papers should be retained in governor's custody.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp.

1785 Osgood, Samuel, Walter Livingston and Arthur Lee, New York. To Gov. **1331**
Dec. 21 William Smallwood. IX, 158

Letter of December 9 is acknowledged; recommendations of Thomas Harwood confirms the Treasury Board's opinion; Harwood has been communicated with as to terms of the position.

L.S. 1 p.

1785 Knox, H[enry], New York. To John White, [Annapolis]. **1332**
Dec. 26 Letter of December 14 is acknowledged; as to account of shells furnished by James Johnson & Co. in 1780, the contract should state "manner of proof"; [———] Hodgdon should have this information. IX, 157

L.S. 1 p.

1786 Knox, H[enry], New York. To John White, [Annapolis]. **1333**
Jan. 11 Instructions are given as to proof of shells made by James Johnson & Company; tests are same as those given to shells made in Mount Hope, [New Jersey] and Salisbury, Connecticut; Baltimore shells were tested by Capt. [———] Joy; they should be cleaned of earth inside; must be perfectly spherical by caliper test; thickest part must, by caliper test, be opposite fuse hole; lead must be melted from crevices; tested by "large hammers" for thinness; must be airtight; Capt. Brown Smith will be "a good voucher"; disposition of serviceable shells will be made later. IX, 147

L.S. 2 pp.

1786 Carmarthen, [———], "St. James's," [London]. To John Adams, [London]. **1334**

Feb. 28 Acknowledges receipt of memorial dated December 8, 1785; article 7 of the "provisional & definitive" treaty provides for withdrawal of British troops; article 4 providing for payment of debts, is receiving "little attention . . . on the part of subjects of the United States"; justice should be done British creditors. IX, 111

Copy.

D.S. 2pp. Enclosed in **1336.**

1786 Adams, John, "Grosvenor Square," [London]. To John Jay, Secretary of State for the Department of Foreign Affairs, [New York]. **1335**

Mar. 4 Encloses answer of British Secretary of State to memorial of November 20, 1785; it contains list of British merchants who have not been paid; no reply can be made until authorized by Congress. IX, 111a

Copy.

L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **1336.**

1786 Jay, John, [New York]. To [Gov. William Smallwood]. **1336**

July 6 Encloses copy of letter from John Adams along with papers; "it would not in my opinion be expedient to let these Papers get into the public Prints"; Portuguese have concluded a treaty with the United States; possibility of a treaty with the Barbary States is not promising. IX, 112

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1334, 1335.**

1786 Henry, John, William Harrison and Nathaniel Ramsey, New York. To Gov. William Smallwood. **1337**

Oct. 31 Acknowledges letter of October 4; will be glad to entertain Charles Lansdale's offer to handle the route from Portobacco, [Maryland] to Baltimore. X, 52

L.S. 1 p.

1786 Henry, John, [New York]. To Gov. William Smallwood. **1338**

Nov. 1 Has consulted someone about domestic debt; securities are in hands of States; [Samuel] Chase has information for the governor. X, 51

A.L.S. 1 p.

1786 Henry, [John], New York. To Gov. William Smallwood. **1339**

Nov. 5 Newly appointed president of the Maryland Senate should be sent enclosure; treaty with Morocco has been concluded by [Thomas] Barclay. X, 50

A.L.S. 1 p.

1787 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1340**

Apr. 21 Resolution, based "on the report of a Committee to whom was referred a report of the Board of Treasury on certain proposals for coining copper," authorizing the Board "to contract for three hundred Tons of Copper coin, of the Federal Standard, agreeably to the proposition of Mr. James Jarvis," and specifying certain conditions to be observed. IX, 78

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1343.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXXII, 223-224.

1787 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1341**

Apr. 21 Resolution, based "on a report of the Board of Treasury, to whom it was referred to report a plan for selling, for public Securities, the Townships surveyed in the western Territory," directing that the Secretary of War "have drawn for the proportionate quantity of the lands already surveyed which were IX, 80 assigned to the late Army, agreeably to the Ordinance of the 20th May, 1785"; the remainder is to be advertised in each state and sold after five months.

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1343.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXXII, 225-226.

1787 Apr. 23 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1342** IX, 79

Resolution extending "the priviledge of sending and receiving letters and packets free of postage . . . to the members of the Convention to be held at Philadelphia on the Second Monday in May."

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1343.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXXII, 228.

1787 Apr. 25 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [William Smallwood]. **1343** IX, 81

Encloses sundry Resolutions of Congress: (1) "empowering the Board of Treasury to contract for the coining [of] a certain quantity of Copper," (2) "for the Sale of lands already Surveyed in the Western Territory," (3) extending the privilege of free postage to the members of the Convention to be held at Philadelphia on the second Monday in May.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1340-1342.**

1787 May 4 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [William Smallwood]. **1344** VI, 102

Encloses Act of Congress passed May 3, recognizing Phineas Bond as British Consul for New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland.

L.S. 1 p.

1788 Feb. 12 Continental Congress, [New York]. **1345** IX, 82

Resolution authorizing the Secretary for Foreign Affairs "to grant in the Usual form Sea Letters for any Vessel or Vessels owned entirely and Navigated chiefly by citizens of the United States" and bound on long voyages.

Extract from the minutes.

D. Signed by Charles Thomson. 1 p. Enclosed in **1346.**

Printed in *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, XXXIV, 39-40.

1788 Feb. 15 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [William Smallwood]. **1346** IX, 83

Encloses an Act of Congress of February 12 "for granting Sea Letters to American Vessels" bound on long voyages and requests that it be published.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1345.**

1788 Nov. 4 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [William Smallwood]. **1347** VI, 100

Encloses two copies of the Journal of Congress from August 20 to the end of the federal year; "as a few months more will close the Journal of the United States in Congress Assembled, and the proceedings of last year would make but a small volume," will include both in one volume and defer binding until March 1 when proceedings under new Constitution will commence.

L.S. 1 p.

1789 Mar. 18 Thomson, Charles, [New York]. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. **1348** VI, 95

Encloses two copies "of the Thirteenth Volume which closes the Journal of the United States in Congress Assembled"; fervently prays that "the change which has been made with so much wisdom order and tranquility" will promote "the happiness prosperity and glory of the Union."

L.S. 1 p.

1789 Carroll, Daniel, W[illiam] Smith and George Gale, New York. To Gov. **1349**
Apr. 6 [John Eager Howard]. VI, 92

Request copies of "Naval Officers returns of the imports and exports for some years past" and "an attested copy under the Seal of the State of the act of granting Congress Ten Miles Square"; also want "Mr. [Alexander Contee] Hansons Collection of Laws & the Acts of Assembly subsequent thereunto" and "the Journals of proceedings of both Houses"; the packet *Simon White* sails from Baltimore to New York.

A.L.S. Also signed: "W. Smith, Geo. Gale." 1 p.

1789 House of Representatives of the United States, [New York]. **1350**
May 3 Order instructing the Committee appointed on April 29, "to report an VI, 93a
estimate of the supplies requisite for the present year and of the nett produce of the impost as agreed by the House," to collect authentic statements of the nature and value of the goods imported and exported annually from the several states, and to report the number and description of vessels entered and cleared during that time.

"Extract from the Journal."

D. Signed by John Beckley, Clerk. 1 p. Enclosed in **1351.**

1789 Gerry, E[lbridge], W[illiam] Smith and J[osiah] Parker, New York. To **1351**
May 9 Gov. [John Eager Howard]. VI, 93

The House of Representatives needs the information mentioned in the annexed order; Howard is requested to send them the best available information on the subject.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1350.**

1789 Henry, J[ohn] and others, New York. To Gov. John Eager Howard. **1352**
June 21 Great care will be required in stating the account of Maryland with the VI, 99
United States; consistent rules must be adopted and proof adduced to substantiate the charges against the United States; the loss to each state will probably be "proportioned to the promptitude of exertion during the War, and inaccuracy of their Accounts, and defect in their Exhibits; In this view we fear for Maryland"; some of the states have brought forward charges which have not been considered in Maryland; it is advisable to have such charges ready even though they may not be admitted; the Commissioner of the Army Accounts has informed [Michael Jenifer] Stone that [John] White's services are essential and it is recommended that he be retained as an agent to settle these accounts.

L. Signed by J[ohn] Henry, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Joshua Seney, Daniel Carroll, Benjamin Contee, M[ichael] J[enifer] Stone, W[illiam] Smith. 3 pp.

Endorsed: "Senators & Representatives from Maryld in the Congress of the U S."

1789 House of Representatives of the United States, [New York]. **1353**
Sept. 21 Resolution, adopted upon considering the report of "the Committee to IX, 84
whom was referred the Memorial and Petition of the public Creditors of Pennsylvania," directing that the Secretary of the Treasury prepare a plan to provide "for the Support of the Public Credit."

Copy attested and signed by William Duer, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

D. Signed by copyist: John Beckley. 1 p. Enclosed in **1356.**

1789 House of Representatives of the United States, [New York]. **1354**
Sept. 21 Order directing the Secretary of the Treasury to apply to the states "for IX, 46
statements of their public debts; of the funds provided for the payment" of them and "of the Amount of the Loan Office Certificates, or other public

securities of the United States" in the state treasuries and to report the said documents at the next session of Congress.

"Extract from the Journal."

D. Signed: "William Lambert for John Beckley, Clerk." 1 p.

1789 Sept. 21 House of Representatives of the United States, [New York]. **1355** IX, 84a

Contents same as **1354.**

Copy attested and signed by William Duer, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

D. Signed by copyist: John Beckley. 1 p. Enclosed in **1356.**

1789 Sept. 26 Hamilton, Alexander, "Treasury Department," [New York]. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. **1356** IX, 85

Encloses an order of the House of Representatives of September 21 and requests Howard to transmit the documents and information required therein before January 1; the statement of Loan Office Certificates and other public securities of the United States in the Maryland Treasury is needed immediately for the preparation of the plan referred to in the Resolution of September 21 which is also enclosed; a statement of the interest paid by Maryland "on the Evidences of the Public Debt abovementioned" is also requested.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1353, 1355.**

1789 Sept. 26 Hamilton, A[lexander], "Treasury Department, [New York]. To Gov. John E[ager] Howard. **1357** IX, 47

In obedience to an order of the House of Representatives (a copy of which is enclosed) requests Howard to transmit "the Documents and Information therein required"; hopes that they may be forwarded before the first Monday in January when the next session will be held; the last statement is immediately necessary to enable him to prepare the plan referred to in other Resolutions of the same date, a copy of which is also enclosed.

"Duplicate Circular."

L. Signed by copyist: "A. Hamilton." 2 pp.

1789 Oct. 13 Beckley, John, New York. To [Gov. John Eager Howard]. **1358** VI, 94

Transmits three sets of the Journal of the House of Representatives for the late session.

L.S. 1 p.

1790 Mar. 31 Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. **1359** IX, 193

Encloses 2 copies each of following Acts of Congress: to provide for a census, to establish uniform naturalizations, to appropriate funds for support of the government in 1790.

L.S. 1 p.

1790 Apr. 6 Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. **1360** IX, 182

Sends 2 copies each of Acts of Congress covering cessions of claims in North Carolina and preventing export of uninspected goods.

L.S. 1 p.

1790 May 28 Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. **1361** IX, 183

Sends "two copies duly authenticated" of each of 4 Acts of Congress.

L.S. 1 p.

1790 June 8 Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. **1362** IX, 200

Encloses 2 copies each of 4 Acts of Congress, encouraging learning, satisfying claim of Frederick William Von Steuben; establishing salaries for executive officers, assistants, and clerks, etc., etc.

L.S. 1 p.

1790 June 17	Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies each of 4 Acts of Congress, providing for back pay of Virginia and North Carolina troops, relieving Thomas Jenkins, providing for publication of treaties, etc., etc. L.S. 1 p.	**1363** IX, 202
1790 June 25	Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Incloses 2 copies of an Act of Congress, establishing federal courts in Rhode Island and "Providence plantations." L.S. 1 p.	**1364** IX, 184
1790 July 6	Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies each of Acts of Congress, providing for relations with foreign nations, relieving Nathaniel Twining, and satisfying claim of John McCord. L.S. 1 p.	**1365** IX, 201
1790 July 19	Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies of Acts of Congress establishing seat of the United States and providing for pay of Pennsylvania "Invalid Pensioners." L.S. 1 p.	**1366** IX, 203
1790 Aug. 18	Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies each of 2 Acts, providing for allowances of clerks in office of the Commissioner of Army Accounts, repaying expenses of United States courts, providing for collection of duties, etc., etc. L.S. 1 p.	**1367** IX, 204
1790 Aug. 23	Jefferson, Thomas, New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies each of Acts of Congress, providing for payment of federal debts, giving title to lands on the Ohio River to soldiers of the Virginia line, relieving "disabled Soldiers and Seamen lately in the service of the United States, etc., etc." L.S. 2 pp.	**1368** IX, 185
1790 Aug. 26	Beckley, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Transmits 3 copies of the Journal of the Proceedings of the House "during the late Session of Congress." L.S. 1 p.	**1369** IX, 141
1790 Oct. 20	Otis, Samuel A[llyne], New York. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Copy of the Journal of the Senate for 2d session is enclosed. L.S. 1 p.	**1370** IX, 142
1790 Dec. 1	Pride, John and Thomas Mathews, Richmond, [Virginia]. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses resolution of General Assembly of Virginia about right to hear Senate debates; resolution should be considered by Maryland legislature. L. Signed: "John Pride, S. S., Thos. Mathews, Sr., H. D." 1 p.	**1371** IX, 153
1791 Jan. 11	Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies, " duly authenticated" of Act of Congress, providing for payment of United States debt; also 2 copies of an Act "to provide for the unlading of Ships . . . in cases of obstruction by Ice"; also 2 copies of an Act assenting to legislature action in Georgia and Rhode Island. L.S. 1 p.	**1372** IX, 199

1791 Feb. 17	Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies of 3 Acts of Congress, declaring Kentucky a state, consenting to a legislative act in Maryland, and making appropriations for 1791. L.S. 1 p.	**1373** IX, 196
1791 Feb. 22	Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies each of Act of Congress admitting Vermont and continuing a previous Act regulating court procedures, also a Resolve "directing . . . manner new Editions of the Laws . . . shall be authenticated." L.S. 1 p.	**1374** IX, 197
1791 Mar. 1	Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies each of 2 Acts of Congress, providing for a census and incorporating the Bank of the United States. L.S. 1 p.	**1375** IX, 195
1791 Mar. 7	Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies of 5 Acts of Congress, making federal loans effective in Vermont, amending the Debt Act, incorporating the Bank of the United States, etc., etc. L.S. 1 p.	**1376** IX, 194
1791 Mar. 10	Otis, Samuel A[llyne], Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Transmits Journals of United States Senate, 3rd session. A.L.S. 1 p.	**1377** IX, 139
1791 Mar. 15	Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Encloses 2 copies each of 16 Acts of Congress: repeal of duty on spirits, establishment of "a permanent Seat of the Government," value of Danish "rixdollar," temporary establishment of the postoffice, addition of another regiment, etc., etc. L.S. 3 pp.	**1378** IX, 198
1791 Apr. 4	Beckley, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Eager Howard]. Transmits 2 copies of proceedings of House; these are for the use of "the Supreme Executive and Legislature of the State." L.S. 1 p.	**1379** IX, 140
1791 June 13	Richmond, C[hristopher], Annapolis. To Gov. [John Eager] Howard. As Agent for Maryland "employed in settling Accounts with the United States," wishes to report that several accounts need to be restated and the Depreciation Account, the Account of Specific Supplies and the Arms, Ammunition and Ordnance Stores Account must be entirely revised; requests permission to employ [George] Johnson and [John] Hannah to assist him in this work. A.L.S. 1 p.	**1380** IX, 51
1791 Dec. 29	Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [George Plater]. Two copies each of Acts of Congress granting an extension on the census, for the relief of David Cook and Thomas Campbell, for appropriations in 1792, and for printing the census are inclosed. L.S. 1 p.	**1381** IX, 176
1792 Jan. 25	Richmond C[hristopher], Philadelphia. To James Brice, "President of the Council," Annapolis. Acknowledges receipt of Brice's letter of January 20 enclosing sundry resolutions of the General Assembly involving additional claims of Maryland	**1382** IX, 49

against the United States; the claims will be presented according to instructions and every effort used to secure their passage; but as an Act of Congress expressly prohibits the admission of accounts assumed by a state subsequent to September 1788, the Board will perceive there is little probability of obtaining a credit for payments so recently made.

L. Signed: "C. Richmond Sign'd at his request by J. Wright." 1 p.

1792 Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [George Plater]. **1383**
Feb. 1 Encloses 3 items; one Act of Congress arranges for contract between IX, 154
Pennsylvania and the United States; another Act extends time for settlement of debts; "printed return of the enumeration of the United States" is a duplicate of census previously sent.

L.S. 1 p.

1792 Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [James Brice]. **1384**
Mar. 4 2 copies each of Acts of Congress regarding fisheries, postoffices, constitu- IX, 175
tional amendments, etc., etc. are enclosed.

L.S. 1 p.

1792 Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [James Brice]. **1385**
Mar. 29 Encloses 2 copies each of Acts of Congress regarding Maryland legislation, IX, 174
settlements of claims of widows, relief of "certain widows, orphans, invalids," etc. etc.

L.S. 1 p.

1792 Hamilton, A[lexander], Treasury Department, [Philadelphia]. To Gov. **1386**
Apr. 4 James Brice. IX, 48

Has received Brice's letter relating "to the arrears of pay due to sundry Officers and Soldiers of the Maryland line"; the payments to the lines of Virginia and North Carolina were made under a special Act of Congress which does not apply to any other states; the other payments were expected to be made at the seat of the government, but as "it will be more convenient to the Claimants to receive their monies at Annapolis," the Commissioner of Loans has been asked to receive the money and pay it as it is applied for; [———] Campbell understood he was only to be the bearer to deliver the money to the Treasurer of Maryland; hopes the arrangement suggested is satisfactory to Brice.

L.S. 2 pp.

1792 Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1387**
April 10 Encloses 2 copies of each of 3 Acts respecting frontiers, coins, and lighthouses IX, 173
on Cape Fear River, [North Carolina].

L.S. 1 p.

1792 Jefferson, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1388**
May 1 Encloses several Acts of Congress; they set terms for land grants, repay IX, 156
Gen. Nathanael Greene, raise money for protection of frontier, arrange for militia calls, convey the lands of John Cleves Symmes, alter the meetings of Congress, set duty on spirits, etc.; postscript mentions transmission of 2-volume set of acts of last session.

L.S. 2 pp.

1792 Otis, Samuel A[llyne], Philadelphia. To [Thomas Johnson, Jr., Annapolis]. **1389**
May 5 Complete edition of the laws of Maryland is desired; "expense to your IX, 143
order" will be paid.

L.S. 1 p.

[After **1792** May 5] [Johnson, Thomas, Jr., (?), Annapolis]. To [Samuel Allyne Otis, Philadelphia]. **1390** IX, 144

Draft of reply to letter of May 5th; encloses edition of laws of Maryland and [Frederick] Green's "Account of them"; payment can be made to Samuel Green, Deputy Postmaster in Annapolis.

Df.L. 1 p.

1792 May 7 Richmond, C[hristopher], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee] and Council. **1391** IX, 54

Congress has just passed a bill extending the time "for receiving subscriptions of Certificates agreeably to the principles of the late funding Act"; it will be of material interest to Maryland "to have the Eight hundred thousand dollars heretofore assumed completely subscribed"; suggests that "all the Certificates or Evidences of debts now in the Treasury which in the hands of Individuals would have been subscribable be immediately loaned for and on account of the state"; while the above bill was in committee [John] Wright suggested to the Maryland Representatives "a clause which would provide for the certificates now issueing under the resolution of the last Assembly and include the claim of Messrs. [Nicholas and Jacob] Vanstaphorst against the State"; an amendment to that effect passed the committee of the whole, "but by an unaccountable negligence in the Chairman of the Committee this amendment was not reported to the House," and the bill passed without it.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1792 May 24 Beckley, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. James Brice. **1392** IX, 132

3 copies of Journal of last session of Congress are sent herewith; the Executive and both Houses are each to have a copy.

L.S. 1 p.

1792 June 1 Otis, Samuel A[llyne], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1393** IX, 134

Copy of Journals of the Senate is transmitted; receipt is requested.

L.S. 1 p.

1792 June 7 Wright, John, Philadelphia. To Robert Denny, [Annapolis]. **1394** IX, 53

Has received Denny's letter enclosing the Resolution for the payment of Commutation to Lt. Col. [———] Smith; the Board of Commissioners requests all possible information on the transactions of John Bullen; other testimony will be needed in addition to the depositions mentioned in Wright's letter of November 26, 1791; if Bullen's claim that he once held a commission as Quartermaster under the late Gen. [Nathanael] Greene can be proven, it will be of considerable importance; Congress has repealed "all acts of limitation which barr'd the Claims of Officers & Soldiers to payment for personal services"; this includes depreciation of pay which however is still under the restrictions in the Act of April 10, 1780 so that before the delivery of certificates it must be determined that the applicant has not been paid by the United States; perhaps the certificates due to soldiers in service between April 10 and August 1, 1780 might better be forwarded to [Christopher] Richmond; postscript states "Mr. Richmond desires you will deliver the inclosed to J[ohn] Davidson."

L.S. 1 p.

1792 Oct. 12 Richmond, C[hristopher], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim] Lee and Council. **1395** IX, 52

Encloses a copy of a letter from [John] Wright, his assistant, which has probably been already communicated to the Council by [Robert] Denny; as the Commissioners are anxious to have their enquiries answered speedily, he suggests that special messenger be sent to the persons named in the letter to procure testimony which will show that the vessels in question were either captured or lost at sea.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1793
May 1

Otis, Samuel A[llyne], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Transmits copy of Senate Journal for second session, 2d Congress.

L.S. 1 p.

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IX, 146

1793
Sept. 18

Speech of the Governor of Massachusetts.

Governor's protest against suit of William Vassal; question of suit against a sovereign state is involved; rights of the states must be established; legislature's reply attached requests Vassal to ask "in the manner heretofore practiced."

Broadside.

D. Signature of John Hancock is printed. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1399.**

1397
X, 28

1793
Sept. 23

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Resolution of the Senate.

As a result of decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States, a state may be sued by a citizen of another state; this power is "unnecessary and inexpedient"; Massachusetts senators and senators of other states are urged "to obtain such amendments in the constitution of the United States, as will remove any clause . . . which can be construed to justify a decision" like that made; the resolve is to be sent to other legislatures.

"True copy."

D. Sam Phillips and Edward H. Robbin's signatures are appended, copied signature of governor, signature of John Owen. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1399.**

1398
X, 31

1793
Oct. 9

Adams, Samuel, Boston. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

Encloses speech of "the late Governor" of Massachusetts; John Hancock and James Sullivan had been directed to appear and answer to United States Supreme Court on complaint of William Vassall; General Court was convened; "support of a federal government is an object of high importance"; but sovereignty of the state is also important; Resolutions of the Massachusetts legislature are to be communicated to the several states; Maryland legislature should consider the question.

L.S. 2 pp. Encloses **1397, 1398.**

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X, 27

1793
Nov. 28

House of Delegates, [Richmond], Virginia.

Resolution of Virginia House of Delegates declaring that Supreme Court decision making a State defendant in any suit "tends to a general Consolidation of these Confederated Republicks"; Senators and Representatives from the several states are requested to have Constitution amended.

Broadside. "Copy."

D. Signed (in print): "Charles Hay C. H. D.; H. Brooke C. S." 1 p. Enclosed in **1402.**

1400
X, 30

1793
Dec. 5

Lee, [John L.] Richmond [Virginia]. To Gov. Thomas Sim Lee.

General Assembly of Virginia is framing legislation to meet Supreme Court decision about suability of a state; resolutions are enclosed.

L.S. 1 p. Enclosed in **1402.**

1401
X, 29

1793
Dec. 16

Lee, Thomas Sim, Annapolis. To the General Assembly.

Sends letter from Gov. [John L. Lee]; also a resolution from the Virginia legislature.

A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1400, 1401.**

1402
X, 28a

1794
Mar. 17

Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Congress requested the President to forward to "the executives of the several States" copies of a proposed Constitutional amendment respecting the judiciary; one such copy is forwarded to Maryland.

L.S. 1 p.

1403
IX, 188

1794
Mar. 26

Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Encloses 2 copies of each of the Acts of Congress providing for a mint, recruiting import duties, making appropriations for 1794, authorizing revenue cutters, etc. etc.

L.S. 1 p.

1404
IX, 187

1794
Apr. 22

Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Sends 2 authenticated copies of each of Acts of Congress covering support of military establishments, prohibiting slave trade, providing naval armament, laying embargo, etc. etc.

L.S. 1 p.

1405
IX, 181

1794
May 24

Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

2 copies each of Acts of Congress are enclosed; they pertain to relief of Leffert Lefferts, authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate land warrant, limit time for presenting claims, establish postoffices, provide for raising artillery funds, provide for defense of ports and harbors, etc. etc.

L.S. 1 p.

1406
IX, 177

1794
June 1

Otis, Samuel A[llyne], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Journals of the 1st session of the 3rd Congress are transmitted; a receipt is requested.

L.S. 1 p.

1407
IX, 133

1794
July 1

Beckley, John, Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

On order of House of Representatives, 3 copies of their proceedings in the last session are transmitted.

L.S. 1 p.

1408
IX, 135

1794
Aug. 22

Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

[George] Hammond, acting for Great Britain, complains of bad treatment of ships of war in American ports; violations of laws "in regard to any foreign ship of war or foreign officer" should be watched by governor; hospitable treatment is for British ships and men, according to Hammond; the governor could counsel port officers as to this.

L.S. 2 pp.

1409
IX, 171

1794
Oct. 10

Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

Calls attention to article 17 of treaty with France; [Joseph] Fauchet, Minister of the French Republic, complains of violations respecting prizes; delay in notifications as to "hostile vessels" is fatal to treaty enforcement.

"Circular."

L.S. 2 pp.

1410
IX, 170

1794
Oct. 22

Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee].

[Joseph] Fauchet, Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic, complains that French prizes are badly treated in American ports; bonds should be given by claimants; should courts have a right to interfere, executives should not; vexations may be avoided by such rules.

"Circular."

L.S. 4 pp.

1411
IX, 180

1794 Oct. 22 Fitzsimmons, Thomas, Philadelphia. To [Edmund Jennings Randolph, Philadelphia]. **1412** IX, 192

Speaking for "the Merchants" asks for appointment of committee to obtain proof in West Indies of British depredations; present arrangements are unsatisfactory.

Broadside.

L.S. 2 pp. On same sheet with **1413, 1414.** Enclosed in **1415.**

1794 Nov. 4 Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Thomas Fitzsimmons, Philadelphia. **1413** IX, 192a

Samuel Bayard has gone to London on presidential appointment to adjust claims; other persons interested will be conferred with.

Broadside.

L.S. 1 p. Certified by George Taylor, Jr., Chief Clerk, on November 7th. On same sheet with **1412, 1414.** Enclosed in **1415.**

1794 Nov. 6-8 Information of the Merchants. **1414** IX, 192b

Records are to be examined "by some persons of legal knowledge"; Thomas Fitzsimmons, James Yard, Stephen Girard, James Olden, and J. Shoemaker are to confer with Secretary of State [John Jay]; newspapers are requested to notify all persons interested.

Broadside.

L.S. 1 p. On same sheet as **1412, 1413.** Enclosed in **1415.**

1794 Nov. 13 Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [Thomas Sim Lee]. **1415** IX,191

Encloses broadside issued by Secretary of State on subject "British Captures"; it may be shown to interested persons.

"Circular."

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1412-1414.**

1794 Dec. 28 Hollingsworth, Z[ebulon], Baltimore. To Gov. [John Hoskins] Stone. **1416** IX, 168

Re the *Hope;* armament was made in Philadelphia and no testimony can be procured in Baltimore regarding it.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1794 Dec. 30 Hollingsworth, Z[ebulon], Baltimore. To Gov. [John Hoskins] Stone. **1417** IX, 167

Sale of the *Hope* is to be held December 31; a detachment of militia should seize ship "until the determination of the President on this subject"; French consul will present case to his minister.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

1794 Dec. 31 Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To [George] Hammond, [———]. **1418** IX, 163

Letter of December 30 is acknowledged; interference requested is not warranted by evidence; District Attorney of Maryland has "the subject already in his charge"; [———] McAlister, [———] Du Bois and [———] Dawson have not been interrogated.

Copy.

L. Signature and last three lines in Randolph's hand. 2 pp. Enclosed in **1419.**

1794 Dec. 31 Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To [Zebulon] Hollingsworth, Baltimore. **1419** IX, 162

Letter of December 27 and enclosures sent [George] Hammond are acknowledged; reply and answer to it are also enclosed.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1418.**

1795 Jan. 3	Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Hoskins Stone]. 6 copies of Thanksgiving proclamation are enclosed; it should be made "most public" in any manner desired. "Circular." L.S. 1 p.	**1420** IX, 190
1795 Jan. 9	[Randolph, Edmund Jennings, Philadelphia]. To Gov. [John Hoskins Stone]. Sends 2 copies of each of Acts of Congress authorizing 4 corps of militia in Pennsylvania, giving privilege of frank to James White, authorizing a $2,000,000 loan, passing the account of Edward Blanchard, giving relief to Peter Couvenhoven, etc., etc. "Circular." L.S. 2 pp.	**1421** IX, 189
1795 Jan. 10	Hollingsworth, Z[ebulon], Baltimore. To Gov. [John Hoskins] Stone. Encloses original letters received from Secretary of State regarding the *Hope;* no opposition to sale of the *Hope* need be made by Maryland; proofs do not warrant interference. A.L.S. 1 p. Encloses IX, 162.	**1422** IX, 164
1795 Jan. 26	Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Hoskins Stone]. No testimony has been produced to warrant interfering with sale of the *Hope;* [George] Hammond has been informed that the President of the United States will request the Governor of Maryland "to remove the hands of Government therefrom." L.S. 1 p.	**1423** IX, 165
1795 Apr. 10	Randolph, Edmund [Jennings], Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Hoskins Stone]. Ships of war cannot commit hostilities in waters exclusively in jurisdiction of United States; such ships in Maryland waters should be notified; an officer of the militia should communicate with the Department of State, immediately upon the happening of a case of this kind. L.S. 2 pp.	**1424** IX, 166
1795 Aug. 3	Treaty with Wyandot Indians. Printed copy of treaty with printed signature "Go. Washington" is endorsed in handwriting by Timothy Pickering. Broadside. D. 8 pp. Enclosed in **1426.**	**1425** IX, 179
1796 Jan. 12	Pickering, Timothy, Philadelphia. To [Gov. John Hoskins Stone]. Treaty with Indians "West of the River Ohio" is inclosed in 2 copies duly authenticated. L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1425.**	**1426** IX, 178
[After **1796** June 1]	Otis, Samuel A[llyne], Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Hoskins Stone]. Transmits Journal of the Senate for first session, 4th Congress. L.S. 1 p.	**1427** IX, 145
1797 May 1	Otis, Samuel A[llyne, Philadelphia]. To Gov. [John Hoskins Stone]. Transmits copies of Journals of the Senate, 4th Session. A.L.S. 1 p.	**1428** IX, 136

1798 Mar. 27 **1429** IX, 155

Pickering, Timothy, Philadelphia. To Gov. [John Henry].

Encloses copy of President's proclamation to recommend "a day of solemn humiliation, fasting and prayer"; District marshal will be sent copies for religious societies.

A.L.S. 1 p.

1798 Oct. **1430** IX, 41

General Assembly, [Providence], Rhode Island.

Resolution proposing as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that no person be eligible as President, Vice President or member of Congress unless he is a natural born citizen or unless he was a resident at the time of the Declaration of Independence; if the amendment must be modified to secure its passage, it should at least exclude from Congress any person who has not been a citizen for fourteen years.

"A true copy."

D. Signed by Samuel Eddy, Secretary. 2 pp.

1799 Jan. 10 **1431** IX, 42

General Assembly, [Dover], Delaware.

Contents same as **1430.**

Copy.

D. Names of Stephen Lewis, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Isaac Davis, Speaker of the Senate, John Caldwell, Clerk of the House and John Fisher, Clerk of the Senate, signed by the copyist. 2 pp.

1799 Jan. 30 **1432** IX, 36

Senate of Pennsylvania.

Resolution rejecting the Resolution of the Massachusetts Legislature of June 29, 1798 proposing that measures be taken for influencing Congress to adopt an amendment to the Constitution.

Copy attested by James Trimble, Deputy Secretary of Pennsylvania, May 21, 1799.

D. Signed by copyist: "T. Matlack, Clerk of the Senate." 2 pp. Enclosed in **1434.**

1799 Mar. 5 **1433** IX, 40

Fenner, Arthur, Providence, Rhode Island. To Gov. [Benjamin Ogle].

Encloses resolutions passed in the October Session of Rhode Island Legislature which are similar to those passed in Maryland on January 9.

L.S. 1 p.

1799 May 21 **1434** IX, 38

Mifflin, Thomas, Philadelphia. To Gov. Benjamin Ogle.

Acknowledges receipt of Ogle's letter containing a proposal for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States on the subject of naturalization and encloses a Resolution of the Pennsylvania Senate on the subject.

L.S. 1 p. Encloses **1432.**

1799 July 9 **1435** IX, 35

Ogle, Gov. Benjamin. To "Executives of Delaware, Pennsylvania & New Jersey."

Encloses a Resolution of the Maryland Legislature concerning the absconding of negro slaves into other states; is anxious to adopt a mutual agreement which will effectuate the wishes of the Legislature.

"Circular."

Df.L. 1 p.

1799 Nov. 9 **1436** IX, 39

Ogle, Gov. Benjamin and Council. To [General Assembly of Maryland].

As directed by a Resolution of the last session letters have been addressed to the executives of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey on the subject of absconding slaves, but only the Governor of Delaware has replied; his letter is submitted; as authorized by the Assembly, George Murdock, Philip Thomas and Valentine Brother have purchased the land on which the barracks in Frederick County, [Maryland] stand and the purchase has been approved by the Council; a letter from Gen. Washington requests the use of the barracks for accommodating three regiments of the United States during the winter; the Council has decided to comply with the request and asked Murdock *et al.* to give the information to Col. Thomas Parker; the letters relating to this subject are also enclosed; the part of the act for regulating and disciplining the militia which provided for a complete company of infantry with each regiment has been but partially carried out because of the reluctance of the officers to accept responsibility for the arms; "an account of the Select Companies which have been completed" is transmitted; a letter received from S[amuel] Chase relating "to the Bank Stock in England" is forwarded; letters were received in May from John Read, Jr., Agent General for the United States, relative to British debts and from Zebulon Hollingsworth, the Attorney of the United States for the Maryland District, with a statement of the claim of [Henry] Harford which was submitted under the sixth article of the treaty with Great Britain, which are also transmitted; in the recess of the Assembly the Council requested the Attorney General of Maryland to attend to the claim; the resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States have been sent to the states but no replies have been received except the enclosed communications from Rhode Island and Pennsylvania; an act of the Pennsylvania Legislature "on the subject of effecting a communication between the Bays of Delaware and Chesapeak and opening the Navigation of the River Susquehana" is enclosed; James B. Robins has been appointed Register of Wills for Worcester County vice Levin Handy, deceased.

L.S. 8 pp.

1799 Pickering, Timothy, Philadelphia. To Gov. Benjamin Ogle. **1437**

Dec. 5 Acts of Congress of March 5, 1795 and March 2, 1799 require transmittal of copies of Acts of Congress; Robert Purviance, Collector of the Port of Baltimore, has been sent 4 boxes (328 copies of Acts of "last Congress" and 360 of Acts passed "at last session"). IX, 169

L.S. 1 p.

[1799?] Memorandum. **1438**

"Officers have been appointed to command the Select Companies attached to the following Regiments No. 14, 48, 24, 15, 23, 1, 17, 33, 26, 19, 49, 31, 47, 16, 7, 41, 18, 50, 10, 3, 26; arms have been forwarded to the above Regiments." IX, 37

D. 1 p.

1801 Madison, James, Washington. To Gov. [Benjamin Ogle]. **1439**

June 9 Replies to letter of June 6; agrees to forwarding Maryland laws to the "Executives of the Several States"; "they will be in Season," if shipped to Washington within a month. IX, 186

A.(?)L.S. 1 p.

1803 Jefferson, Thomas, Washington. To Gov. [Robert Bowie]. **1440**

Dec. 13 Encloses amendment proposed by Congress relative to election of President and Vice president; it is to be laid before Maryland legislature. IX, 160

L.S. 1 p.

1804 Madison, James, Washington. To Gov. [Robert Bowie]. **1441**

Sept. 24 Notifies governor that Constitutional amendment as to acting President in case of vacancies in the office of President and Vice president has been ratified by 13 states. IX, 172

Broadside, "(Circular)."

D.S. 1 p. Handwritten signature.

1804 Wagner, Jacob, Washington. To Gov. Robert Bowie. **1442**

Sept. 27 585 copies of the laws passed at the Second Session of the 7th Congress were transmitted to Collector of Customs at Boston; Acts of Congress of March 3, 1795 and March 2, 1799 require such transmittal. IX, 161

L. Signed: "Jacob Wagner, Chief Clerk." 1 p.

1812 Galloway, Benjamin, Hagerstown, Maryland. To Ninian Pinkney, An- **1443**

Aug. 19 napolis. III, 45

Attempts to get copies of the proceedings of the General Assembly—first session after the Revolutionary war—have been unavailing; Galloway served with Anne Arundel delegates, John Hall, Rezin Hammond, and Thomas Tillard in that session; desires to look over documents concerning the case of the Whig Club and William Goddard, a Baltimore printer; on complaint of Goddard, Samuel Chase persuaded the House of Delegates to order Allen Quynn, Sergeant at Arms of the House, to go to Baltimore and arrest members of the Whig Club; the "quasi apology" offered by the Club that it was only "an ebullition of Whiggism" was scouted by Samuel Chase; Chase acted in such a way "his conduct . . . entitled him to a Monument . . . on the Stat House Hill"; after release of the Whig Club members, Gov. [Thomas] Johnson issued a proclamation on "said redhot wou'd be thought Whiggs"; it is a copy of this proclamation which is wanted, "An authenticated *verbatim et literatim* copy of it."

A.L.S. Many underlinings. 3 pp.

1827 Receipt for Chase letters. **1444**

Jan. 25 Letters of Samuel Chase to Governor of Maryland have been received; notation is made of return within 20 days; a red-pencilled addition in a later hand adds in right margin: "These letters are not to be found and probably were not returned." IV, 94

A.D. Signed: "Wm. W. Barney(?)" 1 p.

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